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WSC summer renovations an effort to improve st[illegible]

By Kevin Buckingham
Managing Editor

For the fourth summer in a row, Westfield State College has made major renovations to the campus in an effort to improve student life.

First on the list was a completely new look for the Dining Commons. "It's a major change," said President Frederick Woodward. "The serving area is completely different."

There is a separate deli, grill, pasta, entrée, dessert, and pizza area, as well as a 30- foot soup and salad bar, and an area for hard and soft ice cream, Woodward said. The beverages and condiments are now located on the outside of the serving area as well.

-Photo by Kevin Buckingham

The newly renovated dining commons.

"There's all new equipment and lighting, and a new solid wall was put up separating it from the Commuter Café, Woodward said.

WSC senior Andy McCaul said the renovation was a success. "I think the café looks great. They did a really nice job this summer," McCaul said. "I think that the students will really like the improvements that were made."

Other major renovations took place over the summer in Scanlon Hall. "It was time to change the windows and doors in Scanlon," Woodward said.

The renovations started last year in the apartment complex were also completed this summer, along with the upgrades to the Wilson Auditoriums, Woodward said.

Among other projects that were tackled this summer were updates to classrooms in Bates and Wilson and work on steam pipes in front of Davis Hall and Ely, as well as new drainage systems installed around campus to help limit the flooding that occurs from heavy.

Trustees vote to arm campus police

By Laura Cyr
Editor-in-Chief

A unanimous vote to arm the campus police of Westfield State College was taken by the Board of Trustees at their last meeting in June.

Campus police may not be armed as students return to WSC, but they are expected to he in the near future.

"The probability is that they [the campus police] will be armed by the first week of school," said Dr. Arthur Jackson, Vice President of Student Affairs. There were many steps that had to be taken since the Board of Trustees voted to arm the campus police, including training, psychological exams, and ensuring that they meet the regulations established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Jackson said.

WSC Campus Police Chief Paul Scannell said that much action has occurred over the summer to ensure the officers are ready when they begin to carry arms. "We've been very busy this summer getting all this done," he said.

They have purchased the equipment and undergone all the needed training, in areas such as weapons use in a crowd and weapons retention, Scannell said. There are plans to do scenario training as well, he added. Scannell has also met individually with all the officers and gone over what his and the college's expectations are.

The decision to arm the campus police, and join the ranks of other Massachusetts colleges such as Amherst College, Assumption College, Bridgewater State College, Fitchburg State College, Tufts University, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and UMass Amherst, came after over one year of discussions and forums on the topic were held. WSC President Frederick Woodward said that many forums were held for students, faculty, and staff to discuss both sides of this issue, with information being brought back to the Board of Trustees, and sometimes with members of the Board attending these forums. "One of the forums was held directly with the Board of Trustees, so they had first hand information on student, faculty, and staff input," he said.

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Large incoming class leads to on campus housing shortage

By Laura Cyr
Editor-In-Chief

A housing shortage, due to an increasing interest to live on campus by upper classmen and a large incoming freshmen class, is the situation once again at Westfield State College this school year.

Over 1,200 freshmen and transfer students will be attending WSC this fall semester, which is up from 1,100 new students last spring. Westfield State College President Frederick Woodward said that WSC has a higher than normal rate of students accepting to come to the college, with a 4% increase. Woodward attributed this to higher high school graduation rates and an increase in appeal that WSC has to students.

Dr. Arthur Jackson, Vice President of Student Affairs, agreed with Woodward, and said the rise in student population is due to a reputation that is such so that students want to come. "Westfield State has become a more popular institution in the past few years," Jackson said.

Michelle Mattie, Director of the Student Administrative Service Center, said that other reasons enrollment rates are up include programs and staff the college has added. WSC has added two additional admission counselors which enabled the college to expand its recruitment territory by 50%, Mattie said. Programs such as an enhanced tour guide program, comprehensive Open House programs, and an admissions telethon have helped increase enrollment.

WSC also has more to offer than other schools, Mattie said. "The location is great, at the foot of the Berkshires, academic offerings are appealing, no teaching assistants, [and it's a] beautiful campus, medium size," she said. "Most importantly, we have excellent recruiters and we pride ourselves in providing individualized counseling and attention to all students and their families."

This year there was an unforeseen and dramatic increase in the college's yield from accepted students that chose to pay their deposit. She said that they use statistical models that predict the percent of students that will enroll at WSC. This year the yield went up 4%.

Housing arrangements have had to be made to accommodate the increase in students, Jackson said. "We've done the best we can with a very critical situation," he said, adding that many campuses are in a critical situation when it comes to housing while ensuring the comfort and safety of the students.

Such arrangements include temporary rooms, such as lounges being turned into dorm rooms, temporary overcapacity rooms, and eliminating the suites that were once in Dickinson Hall, said Jon Conlogue, the Director of Residential Life. Conlogue said that these are the similar methods that WSC has used in the past, and that other colleges are employing as well to deal with housing shortages.

Conlogue said that students in these overcapacity rooms receive a 10-20% discount, and that many students who live in temporary rooms often come to like them. "Some will be there a matter of days or even hours," Conlogue said when asked how long students will be in temporary living situations. "Others may be in temporary situations all semester. Students in these spaces often like them and don't want to move out. Last year, we tried to permit students to stay in these rooms for the entire fall semester if they so desired."

Students who were not able to attain on campus housing were placed on waiting lists, and were given information on off-campus housing they could try to obtain,

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WSC loses 'valued administrator and friend'

By Meg Canning
News Editor

The Director of Development at Westfield State College, died unexpectedly over the summer.

Larry Naftulin, 55, was playing tennis with friends from Noble Hospital and the community when he suffered a heart attack the morning of June 9.

-File Photo

Larry Naftulin

He was the husband of Nancy Naftulin and the father of Julia M. Naftulin of Westfield.

Family, friends and colleagues gathered for a memorial service on June 14 at Firtion-Adams Funeral Home in Westfield. A reception in Scanlon Banquet Hall followed.

Born in Philadelphia, the son of Philip and Silvia Naftulin, Naftulin received his bachelor's degree in history in 1967 and his master's degree in history in 1971 from the University of Pennsylvania.

He worked as director of community development at Niagara College in Ontario, Canada, before moving to Westfield. A resident of Westfield for the past five years, Naftulin worked as Director of Development at Westfield State College.

An active member of the community, Naftulin was president of the Westfield Rotary Club and the Westfield Community Development Corporation, and a member of the board of the Noble Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice.

For the past two years, Naftulin was also an advisor for the Class of 2003. He motivated class council members to fund-raise and do things classes normally wouldn't

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Nessim Watson, Professor of Communications, said that a meeting was held with faculty to get their input, and it revealed a unanimous faculty opinion against the arming. "It [the Board] totally ignored what the faculty said after we had taken time out of our work hours to attend the original meeting about the issue," he said.

Watson said the reason he was against arming is that he felt it would lower the level of safety at WSC. "When we attempt to control our environment, we place alternate danger into that environment which makes the notion that we've improved conditions quite questionable," he said.

"I then predicted as soon as we all left for the summer that the decision would be made without us, without public information or debate," Watson said. "This is a pattern for all institutions who choose to implement policies against the will of the employees."

Cornelius Mahoney, the incoming chairman of the Board of Trustees, said that after much careful thought and discussion, the Board decided it was time to vote on the emotionally charged issue. He said the Board was still gathering information while school was in session, but decided to vote at the June meeting because he wanted to get it resolved. "I didn't want the issue carried forward into the next semester," he said.

The Board of Trustees has the responsibility to provide safety and security to the college community, and that is why they voted to arm the campus police, Mahoney said. "The Board of Trustees takes seriously the responsibility of providing safety to those who work and study at Westfield State," he said.

Jon Harris, the incoming student representative to the Board of Trustees, said that he believes the Board of Trustees was very aware of what was being said about the topic through the various forums and discussions. "This is an issue that has been talked about for a long time," he said, "and I believe the Board of Trustees took the time to gather the opinions and listen to the arguments for both sides from everyone in the campus community before coming to a decision."

The decision to arm the campus police was not a result of a tragic incident as it is at some other institutions, said Scannell. It was good our college chose to approach this topic before any situation occurred, he said. This allowed for a lot of time to investigate and for clear thinking. "We did it in a very good way and in a very forward way," Scannell said.

The decision to arm the campus police before an incident happened may seem unnecessary to some people, said Harris. He said though that he "feels it is an important step as a precautionary measure and only protects students to a greater degree. Every student has the right to feel safe on the campus of Westfield State College, and this decision will simply provide assurance that the campus police will be able to deal with a problem that hopefully should never occur.

"I feel that having armed campus police will ensure that students are better protected against the unlikely and most dangerous situations," Harris said. "I believe this decision was made to prevent a potential safety threat that luckily students at Westfield have not had to deal with."

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Conlogue said. Unfortunately, this housing market is tight as well, he said. "Like most western Massachusetts towns, the off-campus housing market is tight right now in Westfield," he said. "The college did take out ads in local papers to encourage people with space to rent to provide their listings to the college for student use."

Conlogue said that there are discussions going on with the Massachusetts State College Building Authority to build a new residence hall. He said that much time is needed for a new residence hall to secure funding and be constructed, and that it is not an immediate solution.

The college is working on a site plan for a new residence hall right now, Woodward said. He said that building a new residence hall is a long range plan, and that the college will have to pay for it itself, which presents a time delay. He said that the new residence hall would only take pressure off existing residence halls and wouldn't be providing space for more students than the college currently has enrolled.

The Society

Come Join the Other Springfield Colleges at the Hottest new bar in Springfield.

Saturday Sept. 8

Featuring the Band "Side Project" w/WSC student Dan Loubier

Worthington St., Springfield, MA

*Must be 21 or older w/valid ID

From the Editor's Desk

Preparing for countdown

Welcome back to one more year. It wasn't very long ago that I was first preparing to come to Westfield State, and now I feel like I am preparing to leave. One more year still looms ahead of me, filled to the brim with numerous tasks to do. Yet as I do each of these tasks, I feel like I am counting down to the end. As I prepare this first issue, I think of how I am preparing my final first issue, and that it is one down, 23 to go.

Much has changed since I first came to WSC, and much has stayed the same. Familiar faces I once saw every day have left this campus, and new, strange faces have replaced them. Dorm rooms, roommates, neighbors, apartments, classes, professors, and friends have all been changing since I first stepped foot on this campus. Every year, a changing of the guard occurs. One class leaves, another one enters. Officers of one organization depart, and new ones step up to the plate, ready to prove all they can do.

While there are many changes that occur at WSC at the beginning of each year, there is one of serious importance this year. The decision to arm our campus police is a change that has been discussed for over a year and is now taking place. For over a year, student forums and surveys have been going on to gather opinion on this issue. Some chose to attend these to voice their opinion on either side of the issue, and some chose not to, either remaining apathetic to the issue, or just choosing to quietly voice their concerns to friends and neighbors. Either way, the vote has been taken, the decision is final, and the change of having armed campus police is here.

While the opinion of every student and faculty staff member is important, what is also important is the safety of those in the WSC community. A college campus can be a very vulnerable environment, but measures are taken to make it a safe one too. And I do feel safe here. I felt safer living on campus than I do living in my apartment off campus. I no longer have the security of thick, solid institutional doors, strong, secure locks, and a neighbor that is two seconds away. And although I always feel uneasy in the presence of guns, I feel that arming the campus police can only heighten the level of safety, and that choosing to take this step prior to any tragedy was a good move.

I know there are concerns about the training of the officers and that mistakes can happen, and these were original concerns of mine. I am confident that our officers are receiving all the proper training to ensure a tragic mistake does not occur. Through my job this summer in Westfield, I was exposed to much of the community, and at many events I saw some of the officers who serve as our campus police doing duty for other police forces. These officers have gone through training for those forces already, and have now gone through it once again with the WSC campus police. I feel they are ready for this job, and that if one is not ready, he/she will not be armed.

The main problem I had with this decision though was in the way the final vote occurred. This topic was debated on for over a year, and when I found out in June that the vote had been taken at the Board's only summer meeting, I was suspicious. Even though I had agreed with the decision, I thought choosing to vote at the one meeting of the year when school is not in session was not right for this issue. It seemed to me that the Board was trying to eliminate any conflict and tension they knew would occur by their vote, and they did so by taking the vote when students and faculty were not around.

So although we should never feel too safe and drop our guard, I hope the WSC community can feel safe when they are on campus. And if there are concerns about safety or any other issue, please know that a concern cannot be addressed unless it is voiced. So those of you with concerns, thoughts, or opinions, make them known through some outlet-a professor, SGA, or the Campus Voice. The staff at the Campus Voice is here to represent your voice, so help us make sure it is heard.

-Laura Cyr, Editor in Chief
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VP Jackson welcomes students

VP Jackson

Dear Westfield State College Students:

The College welcomes you for the 2001-2002 academic year. We are planning new and exciting activities for the upcoming year and hope that you will participate in many of the events and programs designed for you.

This fall, we will be continuing our Guest Lecture Series and will host speakers who will speak to a variety of topics in an effort to provide intellectual and personal development. Also, during the fall season our athletic teams will be competing in football, field hockey, soccer, cross-country and volleyball. Your attendance and support at these games will be greatly appreciated by the teams. There are also a number of activities being planned for Welcome Week during the first week of classes, which include a Pep Rally, trips to the mall, a Welcome Dance, movies and a musical theatre production. Students should also take advantage of leadership opportunities offered through the Student Government Association, Residential Life, Campus Center, The Campus Voice and academic departments.

Success in your academic studies at the College is our first priority. If you need assistance with these matters, please visit the Academic Achievement Center in Parenzo Hall or ask your professors or administrators for assistance. Student Affairs Departments are available to assist you with various services. These offices are listed below:

Athletics – Ely 244 x5405
Campus Center – Ely 133 x5648
Career Services – Lammers Annex x5206
Counseling Center – Lammers Annex x5790
Health Services – Scanlon Annex x5415
Judicial Affairs – Ely 146 x5403
Public Safety – Public Safety Building x5262
Residential Life – Scanlon Annex x5402

Please take advantage of the occupational programs at the Office of Career Services and practicums and internships offered through your academic department. These opportunities will benefit you upon graduation from the College.

I look forward to seeing you this academic year. Please feel free to visit me in Ely Building, Room 236.

Dr. Arthur Jackson
Vice President Student Affairs

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do, Class of 2003 president Jennifer Prior said. "Basically he encouraged us to make our time at Westfield the best years that we could," she said. "He worked very hard to raise scholarship money for WSC students." Prior, who also worked in the development office with Naftulin, said.

Larry had a unique vision for the future of WSC and worked diligently with the campus and community, former president of the Student Government Association, Erik Bristow, said. "He helped open doors for the college to reach out back into the community by working with organizations such as Noble Hospital and the YMCA."

Many scholarships provided to students are the result of Naftulin's hard work, Bristow said. "In the sense of giving, he was securing a stable backbone for the college's financial future."

His fund-raising achievements included a recent major donation of fine art and a campaign for WSC's future field house, President Frederick Woodward said.

Jonah Berger, a Class of 1999 representative, recalled meeting Naftulin right before his graduation. "We were talking about the class gift and Larry truly seemed to care for WSC and the community within it," Berger said. "He was a genuine guy."

"It's always a difficult time when you lose a key member of the institution," President Woodward said. "We all will miss Larry, as a friend, colleague and professional."

The Westfield State College Foundation (WSCF) has established a Lawrence J. Naftulin Memorial Scholarship in his honor. Contributions can be made payable to the WSCF, 333 Western Ave., Westfield, MA 01085.

President Woodward invites students to "explore, experience, excel"

Welcome:

As the Campus Voice rolls off the press, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Westfield State College. The idea behind experiencing college is, as our motto shares, to "explore, experience, excel."

The faculty and staff of the college have high expectations for you. You have been selected from an elite group of applicants, so we know you can do well academically. Manage your time wisely and, in less than four months, you will have a semester of study completed. We wish you well and are here to help you succeed.

The best way to start is to get involved in campus life in whatever way you choose. Seek mentors and friends, and offer guidance and friendship to others.

Faculty and staff, and a great many contractors have been working diligently over the summer to add to the myriad of changes to make life for students more meaningful and enjoyable. The last of the three apartment facilities were completed, as were the exteriors of each of the buildings. Wilson Auditorium has new electronics, moveable partitions and a new look. Scanlon Hall has new windows and doors.

But perhaps the biggest change has been the serving area in the Dining Commons. This attractive new setting also is an advance in preparing food and serving students, providing shorter lines and new choices of interesting meals prepared especially "for you."

This fall you'll find a new class schedule designed to make it easier for you to get to class on time. You also will be seeing another new presence on campus: the college's new owl mascot, ready for appearances at athletic events and other happenings this fall. Watch for more information about the contest to name the mascot.

President Woodward

And, while this is happening at the beginning of the fall, keep in mind the upcoming Unity Day Events, Family Weekend, the Guest Lecture series, student government activities and the host of other entertaining and educational experiences throughout the year. We'll he there and hope to see you there too.

Best wishes, and welcome to the Best of the Best.

President Frederick Woodward

Athletic Pep Rally
Campus Green
Sept. 6: 7-9 pm
Mascot, Prizes, Coca-Cola Giveaways, DJ/Band

AUDITIONS
First Week of Classes-Open to all WSC students
Theatre Arts Program's Fall 2001 Production
Anton Chekhov's "Uncle Vanya"
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
September 4-6: 6-9pm
Ely Studio Theatre Campus Center, 2nd Floor

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OFF CAMPUS

Pizza Places

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Domino's	572-4411
El Italia	562-1974
Elm Pizza	568-2020
Express Pizza	562-7272
Family Pizza	568-1580
Gigi's	562-0887
Giovanni's	568-1623
Liquori's in West Spfld	737-9690
Pizza Towne	568-3940

Chinese Food

China Star	568-9698
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Panda House	572-9816
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Restaurants

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Friendly's	562-0625
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Royal Restaurant	568-6922
School Street Bistro	562-8700
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The Editorial Board reserves the right to make grammatical changes, keep the letter as is, or not include the letter at all.

SGA President offers advice

-Shane Eldredge

To new students, allow me to say, "welcome to Westfield State College;" to all returning students, "welcome back". Allow me to introduce myself: I am Shane Eldredge, Student Government Association President.

On behalf of the Student Government Association, I would like to wholeheartedly welcome each and every fellow student to our campus. Over the next few weeks you will see some changes to our campus. For those of us with meal-plans you can count on some better and redesigned options at the dining commons.

For those of you living in Scanlon Hall, you've gotten new windows that will eliminate drafts (I lived there last year, along with the drafts.)

For the athletes among u,s you will soon see the breaking ground of our ne w field house, which will certainly add much more depth to our already impressive campus.

For all new students, you are going to be faced with countless opportunities, questions, dilemnas and all sorts of situations. As a senior, my advice to you is take everything in stride, don't worry too much about things far in advance, take the issues of the now and work with them. Now, I'm not saying to disregard the future and worry about it later, but rather to concern yourself with this semester and what the school has to offer you.

An idea that has benefited me greatly , and one that I think will help you is to seek involvement in as many things as you feel comfortable. To begin with, involve yourself with your professors, they will prove an invaluable resource for the semesters to come, ask anyone. Second, why don't you look into Student Government? The roads that SGA has paved for me are surely made of gold. Speaking of such, SGA will soon be holding elections for the freshman class officers. There are ten spots and your class can always use your voice. Also there are several other areas you can get involved in through SGA. Give us a call down at the SGA room (x5429.)

Connect yourself with the administration, maybe become an RA down the road, or work in an academic department. The choices you make and the relationships you forge now will benefit you for the next four (or five) years of college, and most likely after school. I know you were inundated with names and policy during your freshman orientation. You may not believe this but the administration and staff are there to help and protect you, so show them some appreciation now and again. Now to something more important, leisure time.

The city of Westfield has three grocery stores (I call them markets, most stare when I use this term,) several restaurants and all kinds of other things in the area. Take advantage of them as I have. While the campus is great and provides most things that you need, get off campus sometime. Take in as much as possible. You are in college, don't take that for granted. Over the next four years the opportunities to make friends, make mistakes and have as much fun as humanly possible will be all around you. Try something new. You just might like it.

Well that's about it from my end. I'm always around campus sometime or another. So, if you ever have a question about anything gimmie a holler or call. Enjoy the semester and don't forget to call your mother.

Shane Eldredge
Student Government
Association President

The Campus Voice
General Interest Meeting
Thursday, September 6, @ 7 pm
Ely 130 (1st Floor in back of Campus Center)
No experience necessary

Big E World Tour
sept. 14-30
W. Springfield, MA
hang out...
eat Out...
All Shows Free With One Low Admission
College night
sponsored by MassLive.com
Thursday, Sept. 20
Half Off Regular Adult Admission after 5 pm
Half Off
Just $6 with College ID
hit Bourbon Street
Bead tossing, costumed revelers on authentic Mardi Gras floats make every day Fat Tuesday at The Big E Mardi Gras Parade, sponsored by Foxwoods Resort & Casino, with afternoon parades (weekends) and evening parades (weekdays)
Catch a concert
Lee Ann Womack • Sept. 23 • 7 pm
Mya • Sept. 28 • 8 pm
The Black Crowes • Sept. 30 • 7 pm
Info: www.thebigE.com

College tips from CAB pres.

Dear students of Westfield State College:

I would like to send out a warm welcome out to the incoming freshmen. It seems like only yesterday that I was diving into my first year at Westfield State College. Now that I'm entering my junior year, I reminisce about my freshman year and all of the new experiences I went through. I never thought I could live without my dad's cooking, my mom doing my laundry or hanging out with my friends everyday. I was stuck with slop that was being passed off as food, doing (and ruining) my own laundry and living with a bunch of complete strangers. But then I continued on with the school year and realized that the college experience really isn't so bad after all.

-Angela Lapierre

The salad bar is decent, laundry day is the perfect opportunity to catch up on reading for class and I made some really great friends. If there was one piece of advice I could offer you to get through your first year, it would be to GET INVOLVED. There are so many great clubs and organizations on campus that I'm sure you'll find one that's right for you.

There's the Student Government Association, intramurals, academic clubs, a Musical Theater Guild, a radio station, a TV station, the Campus Voice, my personal favorite the CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD (CAB), and so many more options to choose from. (SHAMELESS SELF-PROMOTION)!! CAB meets Wednesdays at 4:30 down in the SGA room starting September 5th!)

While I'm at it, I would also like to send a warm welcome-back to the returning sophomores, juniors and seniors. Hopefully you can avoid the dreaded 8:15 a.m. class (sorry freshmen, there's NO escaping it) and $80 textbooks that you'll NEVER open (don't worry frosh, you'll know better next year). Even if you guys end up with the 8:15 Biology class complete with the $80 paperweight, cheer up because there are many terrific events coming your way. On Saturday, September 15th, there will be a fall concert fest. The annual Campus Carnival is Saturday, September 29th in conjunction with family weekend, so beat up your younger siblings on the pedestal joust! Also make sure to dust off your guitars in time for the first Coffeehouse of the year, Wednesday, October 3rd. Stay tuned for more events in the fall, including the triumphant return of Say What Karaoke. I hope you all have an exciting and successful school year!

Angela LaPierre
Vice-President of
Programming

Life (according to me).

Hi there. I'm Jon. See that picture over there to the left? Yep, as you've probably gathered, that's me. Every so often, I'll emerge from the murky depths of my apartment and meander through campus. If you happen to catch sight of me, feel free to say hi. In all likelihood, I'll reciprocate the welcome, and we'll both walk away feeling friendly and content in the general good nature of our fellow students here at WSC. Either that, or I'll be racking my brain trying to figure out who that was who just greeted me. Y'know, one or the other.

So anyway, I'm once again confronted with not knowing what to write about for this semester's first edition of the Voice. See, as my friends will attest, I've got a lot to say. The problem is, I'm never quite sure where to start.

I guess I'll just try and explain why I chose to write in the first place. Sometime ago, I came to the somewhat sobering conclusion that I don't get the world. Or maybe the world doesn't get me. In all probability, it goes both ways. One thing is for certain though: outside my family, I've never really felt like I fit in.

Each day I see things about this world that confuse, anger or hurt me. There was a time, especially in high school, when this helped to make me insular and withdrawn. I was afraid to share my beliefs with anyone but my closest friends, afraid of even further rejection. This wasn't the healthiest way to deal with my frustrations, and I recognize now that it was also selfish and immature of me. I've finally realized that if I'm going to complain that the world is an unfair place, then I'd sure better start standing up for what I believe in, and share my views with others. I know that I can't change the world and it will never conform to my tidy ideals. But I can still try to make a difference in the lives of those people I can reach.

I guess this column is like a release for me. Sometimes I'll write in direct response to something that I heard or experienced that week. Other times, I'll just write about whatever pops into my head when I sit down in front of my computer. Who knows? Whatever the subject matter may be though, I'm usually good for at least a chuckle or two, so check in once in a while.

Oh, I have to make a small disclaimer here. At times, I may seem kinda opinionated. That's to be expected, I suppose. This is, after all, the opinion page, and this is my column, which is aptly named. But while I'll share my beliefs with you, I don't want to seem preachy. Truth is, I have no idea if I'm living life the way it should be lived. I can't say for certain that all my views are appropriate, and I'll try hard to not have a holier than thou attitude. Honestly, I've been screwing up for over twenty years now. In that time, one of the most important lessons I've learned is that I don't know nearly as much about life as I'd like to think. If you disagree with something I say, that's cool. My email is dukesewell@hotmail.com. Contact me with any questions or feedback.

OK, let me close this one out by welcoming any new students to WSC. I hope you have a great time here. I know you've heard this one about a million and one times by now, but your college experience is entirely what you make it. Be open-minded, be safe, and have fun. As for you returning folk, welcome back.

Oh, one last thing: Here's a quote I used once last year, one that pretty much sums up the theme of this bere column. Hope you enjoy it, and I'll see ya all next week.

"If I had a scheme for everything, it seems I'd be more content with it all; If I had it in me, to stop my random thoughts and my dumb dreams, I could deal with this non-stop spinning world" -Less Than Jake

-J. Sewell is a Voice columnist

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Check out "Once on this Island" during Welcome Week 2001

By Jed Dion & Jason Renslow
Voice Reporters

The New Student Orientation Program has joined the WSC campus theatre scene with a prŏduction of "Once on this Island." The show will be performed during Welcome Week 2001 in Dever Auditorium at 7:30 pm on the dates of September 6, 7, and 8. Admission is only two dollars. The students involved in this production have been working hard since August 1st· to have the play ready for Welcome Week. The production is under the direction of Tom Amos and with the supervision of Kathy Bradford, the Associate Director of Residential Llife.

"Once on this Island" is the musical telling of a legend about a peasant girl named TiMoune, played by Andrea Sempos, who rescues and falls in love with a wealthy Frenchman, named Daniel, played by Atom Marotte. The story of the two characters is told through songs, with dialogue woven in between. All of the gods, who are used to tell the story of the legend, play different respective roles there is, for instance, the god of death, Papa Ge (Tom Amos); the god of water, Agwe (Jen Hines); the god of love, Erzulie (Nichole Provencal); and the god of earth, Asaka (Kendra Kachadoorian).

-Photo by Jed Dion

The cast of "Once on this Island"

Other roles in the story are played by Michael Sakey as Armond, the father of Daniel. Laurel Stewart plays Mama Euralie and Jonathan Plouffe as Tonton Julian, the peasants who raise Ti Moune from a child. Kali Bradford plays the part of the young TiMoune and Ashley StMary plays Andrea. There is not one main story teller in this play as all of the actors in the show are involved in nearly every scene, narrating and playing different roles. This is done in various ways. At one point actors line up to represent the gate to the Hotel Beauxhomme, where they serve as the actual gate and represent the gates refusal to let TiMoune through. Another creative way the actors talent was utilized was through the way tribal dance was used to represent rain.

The musical numbers, accompanied by pianist Karen Ducharme, range from group songs to solo's depending on the scene. At certain points, every line is sung by a different character to create the mood that everyone has something to add to the story. Solo songs are personal narratives giving the audience insight on how the particular character feels. The story is told through these songs, small bits of dialogue are used to string the songs together. This play features almost continuous music and dance.

A very interesting and effective aspect of this play is the location of the pit, which was located almost center stage, behind part of the set. It allowed for the voices of the singers to be more audible instead of being drowned out by the music, which seems to be the case too often when the pit is located in front of the stage. Since this play is told through the songs, it is important to be able to hear and understand them.

Welcome Week 2001 is jam packed full of fun stuff to do. The cast of "Once on this Island" have worked very hard putting the production together, and it shows. The music is tight and the dancing is energetic (it's rare that everyone is standing still for more then a minute). The actual play itself is interesting as well. The story is easy to follow and will surprise you at it's climax. A very emotional story, combined with fantastic performances by the entire cast make "Once on this Island" worth checking out. It's only two bucks, and c'mon... your parents must have given you a little money to spend at school.

Pete Yorn makes good with "musicforthemorningafter"

By Jon Sewell
Assistant Editor

With the release of his new album "musicforthemorningafter", New Jersey rocker Pete Yorn has earned himself a new fan. Namely, me. In a time when the airwaves are clogged with the same repetitive Limp Bizkit wannabe crap, Yorn's straightforward rock tunes are a refreshing change of pace.

His throaty voice reminds me very much of a mix between Bruce Springsteen and Mark Knopfler, former front man of Dire Straits. He's credited for just about every instrument on the disc, including electric and acoustic guitars, bass, drums, and the piano. Despite the often intricate arrangements, however, you get the feel that this collection of songs is acoustic at it's heart. One can easily imagine Yorn sitting in a small apartment, first recording his work on a simple four track, just he and an old acoustic guitar.

His songwriting, though, is where he really shines. Few artists can truly conjure images in my mind. Ryan (not Brian) Adams is one. Elliot Smith is another. And Pete Yorn just joined their ranks. The easy flow and vivid word choice of Yorn's songs make the work of other commercial artists look vapid by comparison. If Yorn is poetry, Eminem, for instance, is a dirty limerick.

The CD starts very strong with "Life On A Chain." The guitar work is simple, as it is through much of the disc, but if you don't find yourself tapping your foot to this infectious tune, check your pulse. This may well be the most radio friendly song on the album, and it's video can be seen every so often on MTV2.

All other songs on this work are excellent, but I was particularly impressed with "Just Another," a beautiful song about a troubled but cherished relationship with a girl. "You and I, we're two of a kind, I hate to say it but you'll never relate, what makes you tick? It makes me smile." This a perfect example of the superior songwriting found throughout the album.

Another favorite of mine was "For Nancy:" "Don't sell your heart and break just anyone, I want to run with you through moorland fields, and convince you that everything is alright...'cause it already is."

The only problem with a CD like this is, that I simply can't do it justice in this limited space. You have to hear it for yourself. I would recommend it to any fans of Springsteen, of alternative country, or of modern folk rock artists like David Grey. Pick this one up.

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New Releases

Sept. 4th

System of a Down- Toxicity
Push Kings- Fell no Fade
Orbital- The Altogether
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Sept. 11th

Baby Face- Face 2 face
Chemical Brothers- It Bagen in Africa
Ben Folds- Rockin' the Suburbs
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Groove Armada- Goodbye Country, Hello Nightclub
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Sept 18th

Bis- Return to Central
Buckwheat Zydeco- Buckwheat Zydeco's Party
DJ Clue- Ghetto Fabulous
Macy Gray- The ID
Modest Mouse- (EP)
Superchunk- Here's to Shutting Up

Mascot creates new image for owls

If you see a six-foot-tall, bright blue creature with big yellow feet strolling the Westfield State campus these days, don't be alarmed: it's not Big Bird holding his breath. It's your alma mater's new mascot.

The costumed creature is the three-dimensional version of the new Westfield State College athletics logo, an updated graphic rendering of the college's established mascot. The newly-hatched owl immediately won over alumni like John Griffin '80, head baseball coach.

The new logo looks nice," Griffin said. "It is going to enhance our fund-raising efforts."

John plans to sell hats sporting the design to raise money for his team's annual spring training trip south. Such uses for the new athletics logo will supplement its on team uniforms, hats, and helmets; it will also adorn playing courts and fields, stationery, and publications.

The logo is copyrighted, which means it cannot be altered and it is also trademarked, which means it can only be reproduced if the college receives royalties. There will also be guidelines for campus use of the logo.

We were looking for an owl that had some character but wasn't overly aggressive. This owl was designed to give us a more modern, fresh look," said assistant athletics director Nancy Bals, who chaired the committee overseeing the logo development project. "This logo is a unique owl and it highlights our school colors [blue and white]. It is very important that the students like the logo. If they like it, they will remain loyal to the image, the athletics department, and the college for years even after they graduate."

Basketball player Alissa Tedesco '03 likes it indeed. "I love the new owl. It's great!" she enthused.

Student-athlete endorsement of the new look also plays a role in promoting team spirit.

Players now have something to identify with," said Hilary Ducharme, head women's volleyball coach. "It helps our image and makes us comparable to other schools—more up-to-date." "There are good reasons why professional as well as big time college sports have mascots," said Ken Magarian, director of athletics. "The initial reason is for the crowd and spectators. Then there is the working with the cheerleaders and the band—the mascot sort of finishes the circle of support for the team, and makes it easier for the crowd to follow and get involved."

-Photo by Oavide Harris Fried

Westfield State's new mascot meets with graphic designer Phil Aucell of Westfield, who created the new Owl logo. A student contest will be held during September to name the mascot, with a $250 grand prize. There will be a box to place suggestions at varsity athletic contests and in the campus center lobby.

The "new owl" was first unveiled at campus spring weekend festivities in April, when a visiting band tossed 60 t-shirts featuring the design into the crowd. Students who were lucky recipients of the t-shirts began wearing them immediately.

Phil Aucella, a talented graphic designer who lives in Westfield, created the logo after extensive research into the owl's features, particularly New England species, and numerous meetings with college representatives. Providing input were athletics director Ken Magarian; assistant athletics director Mickey Curtis; public affairs director Jeanne Julian; faculty athletics representative Ed Abar; Barry Maloney, assistant to the president; the late Larry Naftulin, who was director of development; and members of the Student-Athlete Advisory Board.

The athletics department has recognized the need for a consistent athletics logo for some time, according to Magarian. With a strong endorsement from President Woodward, the initiative was finally funded through marketing funds earmarked by the college's multi-department marketing team, chaired by Julian.

In the meantime, a grant to receive funds for a mascot costume was applied for and received from the WSC Foundation. Once the design of the logo was complete, the college commissioned a costume and the mascot will be coming to life. The costume will be worn by selected students who will represent the college at various college and town functions. The student body will be invited to name the mascot through a contest.

Our mascot is going to be our number one fan and cheerleader at games. As a visual reminder of the college and the athletics program, the mascot can and will go everywhere, including most college events. Our owl will represent good spirit, friendliness and the positive image of Westfield State, on behalf of everyone associated with the college," said Magarian.

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Activity	Entry/Roster Due & Captain's Meeting	Play Begins
1 Pitch Softball (M & W)	Mon. Sept. 10	Tues. Sept. 11
Flag Football League (M & W)	Mon. Sept. 10	Tues. Sept. 11
Volleyball League (M & W)	Wed. Sept. 12	Mon. Sept. 17
3-3 Basketball League (M & W)	Wed. Sept. 12	Mon. Sept. 17
Tennis Singles (M & W)	Wed. Sept. 12	Mon. Sept. 17
Golf Tournament (M & W)	Registration not required-Call x5424	TBA
Punt, Pass, & Kick Contest (M & W)	Drop in event, contact office for time, location	Wed. Oct. 17
Soccer League (M & W)	Wed. Oct. 10	Mon. Oct. 15
Billiards League (M & W)	Wed. Oct. 10	Mon. Oct. 15
5-5 Basketball League (M & W)	Wed. Oct. 17	Sun. Oct. 21
Co-ed Volleyball League	Wed. Oct. 17	Mon. Oct. 22
Co-ed Water Polo League	Wed. Oct. 17	Mon. Oct. 22
Banacos Road Race (M & W)	Drop in event, contact office for time, location	Sat. Nov. 17
Indoor Soccer League (M & W)	Thurs. Jan. 24	Mon. Jan. 28
4-4 Basketball League (M & W)	Thurs. Jan. 24	Mon. Jan. 28
Candlepin Bowling League (M & W)	Thurs. Jan. 24	Mon. Jan. 28
Co-ed Wallyball League	Wed. Jan. 30	Mon. Feb. 4
Raquetball Single League	Wed. Jan. 30	Mon. Feb. 4
Water Basketball League (M & W)	Wed. Jan. 30	Mon. Feb. 4
March Hoop La (1-1, Free Throw, 3 Pt. Contests) (M & W)	Drop in event, contact office for time, location	Sun. Mar. 3
Floor Hockey League (M & W)	Wed. Mar. 6	Mon. Mar. 18
Sport Trivia League (M & W)	Wed. Mar. 20	Mon. Mar. 25
Softball League (M & W)	Wed. Mar. 20	Sun. Mar. 24
Co-ed Softball League	Wed. Mar. 20	Sun. Mar. 24
Co-ed Sand Volleyball League	Thurs. Mar. 21	Mon. Mar. 25
Ultimate Frisbee League (M & W)	Thurs. Mar. 21	Mon. Mar. 25
Home Run Derby (M & W)	Drop in event, contact office for time, location	Wed. May 1

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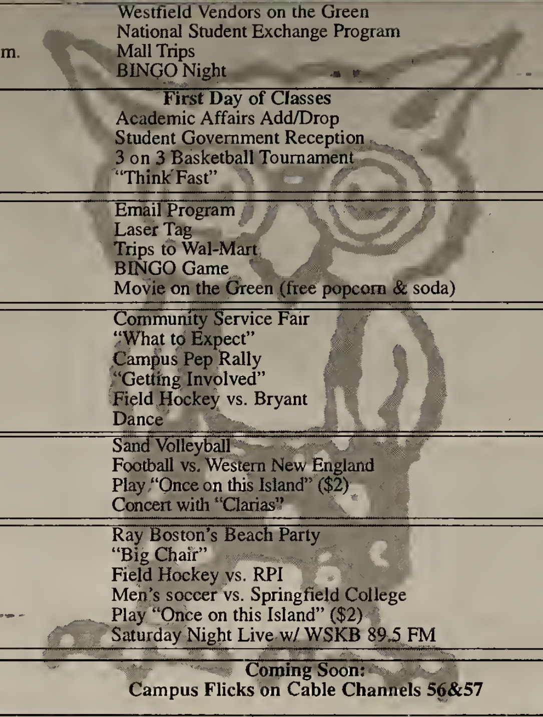

Mon 9/3	10:00 a.m	Westfield Vendors on the Green	Campus Gree
	11:00 a.m.	National Student Exchange Program	Ely Main Loung
	12, 1, 2, 3, 4 p.m.	Mall Trips	Holyoke M
	9:00 p.m.	BINGO Night	Ely Main Loung
Tue 9/4		First Day of Classes	
	3:00 p.m.	Academic Affairs Add/Drop	TBA
	5:00 p.m.	Student Government Reception	Ely Lower Level
	6:00 p.m.	3 on 3 Basketball Tournament	Parenzo Gym
	8:00 p.m.	"Think Fast"	Ely Main Lounge
Wed 9/5	3:30 p.m.	Email Program	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Laser Tag	Campus Green
	6:00 -9:00 p.m.	Trips to Wal-Mart	Wal-Mar
	6:00 p.m.	BINGO Game	Ely Main Lounge
	9:00 p.m.	Movie on the Green (free popcorn & soda)	Campus Green
Thur 9/6	3:30 p.m.	Community Service Fair	Wilson Auditorium
	6:00 p.m.	"What to Expect"	Scanlon Living Room
	6:30 p.m.	Campus Pep Rally	Campus Green
	7:00 p.m.	"Getting Involved"	Scanlon Living Room
	7:00 p.m.	Field Hockey vs. Bryant	Alumni Field
	9:00 p.m.	Dance	Ely Main Lounge
Fri 9/7	4:00 p.m.	Sand Volleyball	Lammers Courts
	7:00 p.m.	Football vs. Western New England	Alumni Field
	7:30 p.m.	Play "Once on this Island" ($2)	Dever Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Concert with "Clarias"	Campus Green
Sat 9/8	12:00 p.m.	Ray Boston's Beach Party	Campus Green
	1:00 p.m.	"Big Chair"	Campus Green
	4:00 p.m.	Field Hockey vs. RPI	Alumni Field
	6:00 p.m.	Men's soccer vs. Springfield College	Alumni Field
	7:30 p.m.	Play "Once on this Island" ($2)	Dever Auditorium
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First SGA meeting held

By Adrienne Lamplough
Assistant Editor

Students have returned, classes have begun and the Student Government Association (SGA) held its first meeting on Tuesday, September 4.

SGA President Shane Eldredge presided over the meeting, which covered topics that ranged from campus renovations to upcoming events.

According to the Student Trustee, Jon Harris, Westfield State College made an important decision regarding the use of firearms by campus police.

"The campus police are now carrying firearms," said Harris. "This should make it a safer campus for everyone. No one is expecting there to be any incidents with this."

According to Harris, the campus police underwent extensive training and psychological testing before being able to carry a firearm.

Vice-President of Student Life, Brent Fischer, discussed the new renovations throughout campus. Wilson auditoriums A, B and C have been renovated, Fischer said. Also, the Dining Commons have undergone drastic changes and the carpet has

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-Photo by Laura Cyr

WSC students and their families on move in day.

Grant to help fund multicultural learning

By Public Affairs
Special to the Voice

A nearly $1 million, 4-year federal grant to Westfield State College will fund, among other programs, a learning community intended to boost mathematics and science achievement, as well as multicultural awareness.

The $996,781 Department of Education grant will benefit the college's Student Support Services, which provides academic support primarily to students, regardless of ethnic background, who are the first in their families to attend college.

"The program also provides extra academic help for students with physical handicaps and students eligible for financial aid, which at Westfield State, amounts to two-thirds of the student body," program director Kamal Ali said.

Student Support Services has received continuous federal funding since its inception in 1993 and has helped hundreds of students. The current competitive grant was awarded because of the program's demonstrated success in helping student achieve their educational goals, Ali said.

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Field house expected to break ground soon

New facility to house athletic offices, classrooms, gyms and more

By Meg Canning
News Editor

The countdown for Westfield State College's new field house has begun, with groundbreaking around the corner. The scheduled completion date is late Fall 2003 or Spring 2004, Curt Robie, Assistant Vice President of Facilities and Operations, said.

-File Photo

Modell of WSC's forthcoming field house

Athletes, coaches and students said they're delighted with this development.

"There's nothing better than having a facility that not only athletes, but everyone, can use," head coach of women's basketball, Steve Marcil, said.

The groundbreaking follows several years of planning, and allows WSC to focus on using the building for things such as new Movement Science classrooms.

With the design development phase completed, the bid will go out right after Christmas, Robie explained. It will take a total of about one and a half years to complete, he said.

The field house, which will cost $15 to 16 million, will be located in front of the athletic fields and will border Western Avenue, Robie said.

It will consist of athletic facilities in addition to academic facilities.

The Movement Science Department will have new facul-

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New RD and Grad Assistant assigned to Courtney Hall

By Kevin Buckingham
Managing Editor

Courtney Hall has two new additions this semester, and along with some lofty goals, both have hopes to make Westfield State College a better place to be.

Resident Director (R.D.) James "J.B." Bridgeforth and Graduate Assistant Jill Easttey are Residential Life's newest additions. Both said they love everything about Westfield State College (WSC) and were hoping to improve it.

Bridgeforth said that he came to WSC because he heard about the success that R.D.'s have had here in the past. "I wanted to come here because of all the great things that go on, and after I met the Director of Residential Life, Jon Conlogue, I decided that it was final," said Bridgeforth. "I admired the way that Conlogue could communicate with people and I thought that this was the place where I could learn from him."

Easttey loved the entire atmosphere that WSC had to offer, and decided that this was where she wanted to go to school. "It was either here or Northeastern, and WSC won hands down," Easttey said. "I like the small classes, the professors, I like everything that WSC has to offer."

-Photos by Kevin Buckingham

James "JB" Bridgeforth

Both Bridgeforth and Easttey agree that they cannot find anything to complain about here at WSC. "The people that you guys have here are the greatest. They're so friendly, I really can't say anything had about anyone here that I have met so far," Bridgeforth said.

Easttey said that the only thing that she would like to see change at WSC is to see more diversity issues brought to the campus' attention. Easttey said that she has seen improvements since she has been here, and her position as a Graduate Assistant helps her as she meets new and different kinds of people every day. "I think that WSC is headed in the right direction, and if we stay on track we should be in great shape," Easttey said.

Bridgeforth had previously

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Array of clubs, activities for WSC students

By Laura Cyr
Editor-in-Chief

So, you're new to campus and want to find a great way to meet people or get involved in an activity you like. Or, you're a returning student and you've finally decided this is the year you'll get involved and give back to the college community (or just boost your resume.) Well, WSC has plenty to offer for those looking for all of the above.

A wide array of clubs and activities exist at WSC, and give students the opportunity to explore areas outside of the classroom. The clubs and activities at WSC range from the academic, to the outdoors, to the creative, to community involvement. Whatever it is you may be interested in, you're sure to find something to match in one of WSC's clubs.

For those who have a passion for what they do in class, most majors offer an academic club. These clubs can help students make professional connections, meet other students in the same major, and become better acquainted with professors. They also provide opportunities for learning beyond what can be taught in the classroom, often times with trips to professional workplaces involving the academic area. If you are interested in joining an academic club, talk to a professor in the major.

If you have a creative side that you want to put to use, WSC offers many outlets. For those who like to perform, there is the Musical Theatre Guild (MTG). Every semester, MTG puts on performances that are student directed, produced, and performed. This fall's performance will be "Fiddler on the Roof." Carrie Janik, assistant director of Fiddler and Vice President of MTG, encourages students to participate in the MTG productions. "MTG is not only a place to showcase your talents, but it is also a great opportunity to meet a lot of nice people," she said. Janik invited students to attend MTG auditions on September 10 and 11.

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been replaced upstairs in the Ely Library, he said.

Vice President of Programming, Angela LaPierre, gave a programming update about the 18 + college night at the Hippodrome, from 7-10 p.m. on Sept. 13.

"WSC will be joining Elms, American International College, Springfield Technical Community College and Bay Path College for a night of fun," said Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Arthur Jackson said. There will also be events, prizes and give-a-ways, he said.

"This is a chance to get colleges together in an informal setting with no cover charge," Jackson said.

Jackson said SGA has arranged for three buses to leave WSC at 6:15 on Thursday, Sept. 13. Students have the option of driving themselves.

"We are expecting 1500-2000 students," said Jackson. Interested students can sign up at the Teller Window in the Ely Building. "There will also be a dress code for the evening," Jackson said.

A basketball tournament will take place in the near future with the same colleges attending College Night at the Hippodrome, said Jackson. The tournament will consist of round robins. The tentative place for the tournament will be in Springfield, because of the amount of people expected to participate and watch, said Jackson.

According to LaPierre, on Saturday, Sept. 22 from 1-5 p.m., there will be an outdoor concert. "Traveling Matt" is a definite performance at 4 p.m. "Flying Lessons" is a possibility, while the third act has not been finalized yet, she said. On Saturday, Sept. 29, 12-4 p.m., there will be the Campus Carnival held outside on the Campus Green. This coincides with Family Weekend, so there will be many activities. Some events taking place will be the Moon Walk, Jousting, Henna Tattoos, face painting, and plenty of games, LaPierre said.

Tuesday Night Jazz with Paul Chase will continue this year and the first coffee house is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 3, LaPierre said.

The final topic of discussion was from Mary Westervelt, WSC's new MassPIRG representative. MassPIRG is a student- based organization, working to make student's issues a reality. MassPIRG is working to protect one million Massachusetts acres from development, Westervelt said. They are also in the process of cleaning rivers and streams, she said.

MassPirg is looking for student involvement, Westervelt said. "This is a great way of getting Westfield students out and working in their communities," she said. Students interested in volunteering can call the MassPIRG office at 572-5428 or stop by Ely 234A.

Field House

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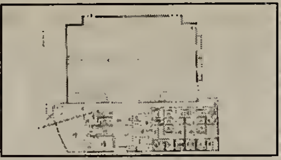
ty offices, four classrooms and laboratories, a student lounge and a conference room on the second floor.

The first floor will contain a running track, basketball, volleyball and tennis courts and folding bleachers for approximately 1,000 spectators. Support spaces such as locker and storage rooms, weight conditioning room and public restrooms will also be located on the first floor.



-File Photo

Blueprint for the future WSC field house.

The new weight conditioning room will free up the Wellness Center located in lower level Ely, Robie said. "Now that the varsity players will be working out there, I'll be able to use the treadmills without waiting," Kristin Paltz, a freshman from Falmouth, said.

Football players are also excited about the new addition. "It's more convenient for practice because it's closer to the field," player Matt Yvon said after a team meeting in Ely Wednesday evening.

The field house will hold a more attractive gym than the "middle school" gym in Parenzo, Yvon, a sophomore business major, said. "It will probably attract more student athletes to the school," he said.

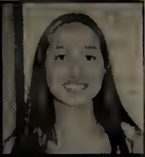
"It's going to be a wonderful recruiting tool," football offensive line coach Chad LaBonte said. "It's nice that the school's showing support for the athletic department."

"I feel that it's about time. Athletics deserves it," senior defensive back Aaron Raggz said.

Westfield State College Outing Club Meeting

Monday Sept. 10 @ 7 p.m.
Located on the second floor
in the Ely Lounge.

From the Editor's Desk



There goes the neighborhood

I can remember countless mornings as a child where I would turn on the television, have a seat on the soft, carpeted floor, and eagerly wait to see Mr. Rogers walk through his door. I would watch while he performed his daily ritual of shoe changing and donning cardigans, and then he would greet me with a friendly "Hello there neighbor." I remember taking trips with Mr. Rogers to factories, museums and other buildings in his neighborhood. I would travel to the land of make-believe and watch as he would tend to his fish. Many children before me had participated in this daily ritual, and many children after me continued to do so, often with parents who themselves had grown up with Mr. Rogers. But sadly, the era of Mr. Rogers' neighborhood has come to a close.

The classic children's show will, of course, live on in reruns, and some day my children will be able to see these episodes I once enjoyed. But the end of this highly praised children's program speaks volumes about the state of television shows today.

When Mr. Rogers announced his show would be ending, countless stories were written about how this quiet, yet greatly imaginative show was a diamond in the rough compared to the children's television programs now offered. While Mr. Rogers encouraged imagination and creativity and helped kids learn to deal with topics such as death and divorce, many of the current children's programs seem to be smothered with violence and pure commercial motivation. Mr. Rogers helped educate children and would boost their self-esteem by telling them, "I like being your neighbor. It's such a good feeling to know you're alive." Today's programs seem to attack them with flashy graphics and a mindless plot to keep them in a hypnotic trance so their parents don't have to deal with them.

Based on scores from the National Assessment of Education Progress tests, 34 percent of the poor readers watched six hours or more of television a day, while only six percent of the best readers watched that much. The scores showed that children who are watching an excessive amount of television (and six hours a day is excessive, although it may not seem to be to many) are more likely to become poor readers, and thus do worse in school. The constant viewing of mindless television programs has an effect on a person's educational performance.

I will be the first to admit that I am guilty of being addicted to a couple of these mindless television programs. But, as with anything else, when taken in moderation, the damage is not severe. Unfortunately, children aren't receiving their television programs in moderation. They're guzzling them down. This is why the departure of Mr. Rogers is so important. If children are guzzling this stuff down, at least they were getting something of worth and value. People now hold their breath and anticipate that something or someone else of Mr. Rogers' caliber can step in where he left off and possibly redeem childrens' programming. But no matter what takes his place, Mr. Rogers will always be missed.

-Laura Cyr, Editor in Chief
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The current program offers extra help for students from teachers in four key areas: writing, mathematics, science and English as a second language. The planned learning community will offer additional help through various innovative techniques. It will involve faculty from various departments.

"It's a very ambitious program," Ali said. "As more faculty come on board it will give us better options in solving and resolving academic problems. The emphasis is on math and science, but the approach will address the needs of culturally different students, because they are under enrolled in these disciplines."

The learning community is being developed by what Ali describes as an expanding group of faculty and administrators.

Among the early planners are William Lopes, senior vice president for academic affairs; Michael Engel, chair of the Multicultural Ethnic Studies Program; Beth Rothermel, assistant professor of English; Julian Fleron, assistant professor of mathematics; Mara Dodge, assistant professor of history; and Sherry Hoagland of Student Support Services.

Clubs

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Is music your passion, but you don't want to perform? WSC's radio station, WSKB, may be the activity for you. WSKB is a student run radio station that broadcasts at 100 watts, reaching Holyoke and Longmeadow. Students can have two hours per week DJ time slots. Melissa Saporetti, WSKB General Manager, said anyone at all can become a DJ and that is an entertaining activity to do. "If you don't participate in WSKB in your four years here, than you've wasted a great opportunity," she said. The radio station's general interest meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. in the SGA room of lower Ely. WSKB can be reached at x5427 and in Ely 234.

Your interest in the arts could also be on the literary side rather than the musical. WSC publishes its own campus literary arts magazine, *Persona*. Dr. Glen Brewster, *Persona* advisor, said Persona publishes a variety of student literary work, mainly short stories and poetry. Brewster said he encourages students to submit original work any time throughout the year. Cash prizes are awarded for the top short story and piece of poetry.

"*Persona* provides students with a wonderful opportunity to get published," he said. "Also, since students make up the Editorial Board, it gives them a chance to apply editorial skills and critical skills."

WSC-TV provides students with an interest in the more technical aspect of creativity a chance to learn hands on skills. "The purpose of WSC-TV is to provide an on-campus, student operated television station that serves as both a learning environment for students interested in television programming and as a campus information service to resident students," said Mark St. Jean, WSC-TV advisor.

"One program we are going to bring back is our weekly newscast, the Night Owl," said St. Jean. "We'll need students who are interested in videotaping and reporting on events that happen at WSC and in the greater Westfield area."

If students are interested in WSC-TV, the first meeting of WSC's television club will be held on September 12 at 5 p.m. in the Ely Television Studio, E-310.

Students who are interested in a club that gives them the chance to be active have choices including the Martial Arts Club, the Breakdancing Club, and the Outing Club. The Martial Arts Club, whose first meeting is September 12 at 4 p.m. in the Third World Room, offers students teaching, training, and competition in the Martial Arts. Senior Martin Lee runs the club and invites students both with and without experience in the martial arts to join the club. "It is a great way to get in shape while learning how to fight and to have fun while doing it," Lee said.

Lee also heads up the Breakdancing club, which has become one of the most popular performers at WSC coffehouses and other programs. "The people in the Breakdancing Club just love to dance and have fun," Lee said. "If you like to dance, come check us out." The Breakdancing Club will be meeting in the Third World Room on September 10 at 8 p.m.

The Outing Club gives students the opportunity to participate in recreational outdoor activities off the WSC campus. WSC senior Jeff Comee, President of the Outing Club, said the club puts together a variety of trips and activities for students to participate in. "We organize outdoor trips for the campus community, including such recreational outdoor activities as hiking, snowshoeing, camping, backpacking, caving, paintballing, all types of skiing, and also indoor rock climbing," he said.

Once a student comes to a meeting, he or she is a member, Comee said. To find out more about the Outing Club, you can attend the General Interest meeting on September 10 at 7 p.m. in the second floor Ely Lounge. You can also log on to their website, www.physci.wsc.ma.edu/outingclub/ to find out about upcoming trips and to see a trips archive.

For commuters interested in getting involved, there is the Commuter Council. This organization works to provide commuters with information and services offered through the college community. Sue LaMontagne, advisor to the Council, said it is a vital voice for commuting students. "The commuters should get involved to help them feel connected to what's happening on campus." The Commuter Council will be holding a general interest meeting on September 11 and 12 at 12:30 p.m.

The Third World Organization (TWO) provides the campus community with opportunities to learn about and appreciate Third World cultures and issues. Andrew Johnson, advisor to the TWO, said they put on many activities throughout the year to learn more about the cultures on our campus. "We are doing a wine tasting with LAFE (Latino Association for Empowerment) on September 21 that we are working in conjunction with the Spanish American Association in Westfield on," he said. Some programs TWO put on last year included Black History month events, dinners, and dances, Johnson added. He said that TWO is open to any student who wants to participate, and for information they can call x5436.

There is no reason any WSC student should be moping around his/her dorm room eating take out and watching reruns. There are plenty of clubs and activities here to take advantage from. So make the most of your college years and get out there and do something.

Courtney

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been an R.D. in Maryland for a year, and graduated from Catawba College in North Carolina as a political science major. "I have been involved in Residential Life since I was a freshmen. I was a first year R.A. at Catawba," Bridgeforth said.

Eastley has never been an R.A., but her experience with Residential Life is extensive. "I have worked in Res. Life for three years now doing various things, but I mainly worked with Orientation, which I still do even now," Eastley said.

Both Eastley and Bridgeforth are focused on the task at hand presently, but they have different plans for their futures. Eastley wants to be an English professor in the distant future, but after her experiences at WSC, she would like to be an R.D. while she earns a master's degree at another college. Bridgeforth said that ideally he would like to teach classes part time at a college or university while also taking care of college legalities. Bridgeforth plans to obtain his master's degree in Education and Administration, and then continue to law school for his PhD. "I am thinking about getting my master's degree here because there is such a good program," Bridgeforth said.

Voice of The Week

President Woodward

POSITION AT WSC: President of Westfield State College

HOMETOWN: Plattsburgh, NY

FAMILY: Wife, Son, and Daughter

ALMA MATER: University of Virginia (doctorate)

YEARS AT WSC: Beginning 5th Year

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: The people that make up the campus community, faculty/staff and especially the students

LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: Dealing with the Bureaucracy

FAVORITE QUOTE: "If it ain't broke, you haven't looked hard enough." (Tom Peters)

PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: Pete Seeger and Prime Minister Chretian of Canada

FAVORITE BOOK: The Firm (John Grisham)

HOBBIES: Remodeling Homes, Sailing, Skiing, In-Line Skating (Anything Outdoors)

ADVICE FOR FRESHMAN: Stay focused on the goal: Success in college. There is more than enough time for all the activities you wish to be involved in, if you plan.

ADVICE FOR SENIORS: What you learned at Westfield State will serve you well in the future, stay committed to being the best and stay connected to the college after you leave.

Outing Club Upcoming Trips

Sept. 21-23

White Mountains Weekend

Camping/Hiking

Contact: Mike Young X5741

D'oh God! 'The Simpsons' and Spirituality

By William Lobdell
Los Angeles Times

``Ezekiel and Ishmael, in accordance with your parents' wishes, you may go out into the hall and pray for our souls."

-Bart Simpson's elementary school teacher, excusing two Christian students before a sex education film is shown

Mark I. Pinsky says the secret to writing his new book, ``The Gospel According to the Simpsons," an appreciation of the surprisingly rich spiritual life of the Simpsons and their Springfield neighbors, was to weave a couple of the show's jokes onto each page.

``I'm mildly amusing at best," says Pinsky, whose book hit stores Saturday. ``There's a laugh on every page of my book, no thanks to me." Between the jokes, Pinsky, a religion writer for the Orlando Sentinel, has sandwiched plenty of theological meat, all taken from the adventures of Fox's most popular animated family.

To a degree unappreciated by many viewers, writers for ``The Simpsons" have dealt with many major and minor religious themes during the show's 12-year run: the nature of God and humans, the existence of Hell, the effectiveness of intercessory prayers...even whether hooking up illegal cable breaks the eighth commandment.

``Perfect teeth. Nice smell. A class act, all the way."

-Homer Simpson, describing God in a dream he had

The show, which had 14.7 million weekly viewers last year and 4 million more watching syndicated reruns, has given America:

-One of its most recognized evangelical Christians in the lovable Ned Flanders, the Simpsons' next-door neighbor, so devout that he has his church's and pastor's phone numbers on speed dial.

-The wonderfully complex Jewish characters of Krusty the Clown ("I'd like to thank God for all my success, even though I never worshiped or believed in him in any way") and his disappointed father, Rabbi Hyman Krustofsky of Temple Beth Springfield. ``Seltzer is for drinking, not for spraying," he admonishes his son, the clown. ``Pie is for 'noshing,' not for throwing."

-The nation's first regular Hindu character in Apu Nahaasapeemapetilon, the owner of the Kwik-E-Mart who has to deal with the ignorance in Springfield. When the Rev. Timothy Lovejoy categorizes Apu's religion under ``miscellaneous," the immigrant explodes, ``Hindu! There are 700 million of us!" To which the reverend replies condescendingly, ``Aw, that's super."

``What if we picked the wrong religion? Every week we're just making God madder and madder."

-Homer Simpson, trying to get out of going to church

In the end, readers will experience a revelation that religious scholars and hip clergy have known for some time: ``This is one of the really interesting places in the culture where religious diversity is getting on the air," said Kate McCarthy, the co-editor of the book ``God in the Details: American Religion in Popular Culture." 'The Simpsons' is totally ironic and satirical and pokes fun at everything, but ultimately it represents the celebration of religious diversity."

Thanks, says Tom Martin, a former senior writer for the show, but most of that is by accident. ``People think it's a result of some deep effort. Mostly it's just about trying to be funny," he said.

"I don't know who or what God is exactly. All I know is, he's a force more powerful than Mom and Dad put together."

-Lisa Simpson

Pinsky, 54, who earlier in his career worked for the Los Angeles Times, had his own epiphany about ``The Simpsons" two years ago. He was doing some television scouting for his two kids, who wanted to watch the show. He hadn't seen the program before, and soon came to the belief that not only was it appropriate for his children, but that religion played a major role in the lives of the characters.

``I grabbed a reporter's notebook and began scribbling away," he said. He wrote a lengthy Sunday essay in his newspaper about that theme, but his book proposal was rejected by eight agents and 17 publishers.

"If Baby Jesus gets loose, he could really do some damage."

-Ned Flanders, taking down the manger scene as a winter storm approaches

Pinsky was undaunted. ``I thought I had something. ... It's a funny, counterintuitive subject." He watched about 150 of the 269 episodes, reviewed scholarly work on ``The Simpsons" and talked with the show's writers and fans. (He said the encyclopedic fan Web site, snpp.com, which stands for Springfield Nuclear Power Plant, Homer's place of work, was especially useful.)

His work generated cover stories about ``The Simpsons" at both ends of the Christian spectrum, from the conservative Christianity Today to liberal The Christian Century, both magazines. He finally sold the book for a modest five-figure sum to Westminster John Knox Press, taking a total of five months off from work to write it.

The small Louisville, KY., publisher had released ``The Gospel According to Peanuts" 32 years before. That examination of the intersection of a pop icon and religion has sold more than 10 million copies. Its author, Robert L. Short, a Presbyterian pastor, says Pinsky's book has ``converted me to a certain extent to be a 'Simpsons' fan."

``Dear Lord, thank you for this microwave bounty, even though we don't deserve it. I mean ... our kids are uncontrollable hellions. Pardon my French, but they act like savages! Did you see them at the picnic? Of course you did; you're everywhere, you're omnivorous, O Lord! Why did you spite me with this family?"

-Homer Simpson, saying grace

Much of the religious material on ``The Simpsons" came out of necessity: When characters never age, you must go deeper for fresh materials and points of view. Religion, normally unexamined on television yet a part of so many Americans' daily lives, was a perfect target...especially for an animated show, where, as Martin says, ``everything is a little less real."

The show's writers included atheists, nonpracticing Jews and Christians, and a few church- and temple-goers, Pinsky said. Yet the atmosphere often turned spiritual during the writing sessions, Martin said.

``We did nothing but think all day," he said. ``So naturally a lot of thought turned to life's big questions."

``Nice try, God, but Homer Simpson doesn't give in to temptation that easily."

-Homer Simpson, after being accidentally hit in the face with an ice cream cone while on a hunger strike

The edginess and irreverence of the show at first drew criticism from conservative Christians. Yet many of them now embrace ``The Simpsons" as a cutting-edge depiction of religion in America.

``There is more spiritual wisdom in one episode of 'The Simpsons' than there is in an entire season of 'Touched by an Angel,'" concluded The Door, a Christian humor magazine.

After Bart Simpson said this prayer at dinner, ``Dear God, we paid for all this stuff ourselves, so thanks for nothing," best-selling author Lee Strobel wrote a sermon titled ``What Jesus Would Say to Bart Simpson." In it, Strobel contendod that in many ways, Bart was ``merely more honest than most."

The show's effectiveness lies in its ability to make the religious pluralism of Springfield, from Flanders' evangelism to Apu's Hinduism, seem merely part of the town's basic fabric.

``When their guard is down, these things can come into their consciousness rather painlessly," Pinsky said. ``It's more religion than people in the general population are usually willing to listen to outside of their sanctuary. ``What I discovered is that you can find God in the funniest places."

Hotel Construction Digs Up Nazism's Scars

By Peter Finn
Washington Post

BERCHTESGADEN, Germany _ From the new Inter-Continental Hotel being built here on the slopes of Obersalzberg Mountain, guests will look out on majestic peaks of the German Alps and beyond to Austria.

This was once Adolf Hitler's private view, immortalized in propaganda photos that framed the vista through the huge window in the Fuehrer's Alpine retreat and unofficial chancellery, a house known as the Berghof.

``My great plans were forged there," Hitler said in January 1942 during a late-night monologue at his ``Wolf's Lair," recalling the place where he dictated the second volume of his book, ``Mein Kampf," and plotted the invasion of Poland. ``Those were the best times of my life."

Today Hitler's words, quoted in a booklet on the site by historian Ernst Hanisch, still scar a place whose beauty the dictator called ``indescribable."

So it is that almost 60 years later more than a few Germans oppose a four-star, 140-bed hotel that a British company, Six Continents Hotels, is constructing just a few hundred yards from the Berghof site. Guests will have access to skiing, tennis and golf. Local people hope it will set off a tourist boom and bring new jobs to the area.

``The use of the site as a hotel masks the historical reality," said Michel Friedman, deputy head of the Germany's Central Council of Jews. ``Such places should be preserved and used for a totally different purpose."

But Berchtesgaden Deputy Mayor Peter Renoth argues that the hotel is appropriate. ``We can't forget the past," he said in an interview, ``but we also want to build a future here." He suggests that a permanent exhibition that opened here two years ago on the horror of the Nazi era offsets criticism that the hotel is singularly inappropriate on a mountain that was a font of the regime's Fuehrer cult.

The wages of sin continue to haunt virtually all places, architecture and music associated with the Nazis, as Germany struggles to balance remembrance and renewal.

In Berlin, the government is building memorials to the past, including a Jewish museum, which will open Sunday.

In Jerusalem, a German orchestra recently performed the music of Richard Wagner, Hitler's favorite composer, setting off a storm of protest, including cries of ``concentration camp music" from critics of the unscheduled performance.

In Nuremberg, site of monumental Nazi gatherings in the 1930s that were showcased in the film ``Triumph of the Will," the party rally grounds and a nearby Nazi convention center were left to rot after the war, in a collective act of forgetting.

But now a museum is being built inside the convention center. Its glass entrance is designed to look like a stake driven through the heart of the building, according to Torsten Halsey, an academic adviser to the city.

``Nuremberg is facing up to its Nazi past," said Halsey, noting that the city contains more bombastic Nazi architecture than any other German city. ``The architect calls it 'historical deconstructivism.''

On Obersalzberg, Hitler's house was the key feature in a 6,000-acre compound that also included an SS barracks, country homes for leading Nazis Hermann Goering, Martin Bormann and Albert Speer, and an elaborate network of bunkers.

It was to here that Hitler fled Berlin for months on end, entertaining leaders such as Italian fascist Benito Mussolini and British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and relaxing with his lover, Eva Braun. He was photographed by his propagandists walking with his dogs and patting children on the head, and star-struck Germans came on pilgrimages to catch a glimpse of their leader.

The compound was heavily damaged by British bombers in the closing days of World War II. The U.S. Army took possession of the site in 1945; most of the gutted buildings, including Hitler's house, were razed in 1952. The army handed the compound back to the state of Bavaria in 1996.

U.S. authorities, during their period of control, built a golf course and ski lifts on the site, which was used by soldiers on leave. But Germans, as Deputy Mayor Renoth notes, have been bound to balance their desire to reclaim the slope's tourist potential with suggestions that doing so would memorialize Obersalzberg as a font of Nazi mythology and terror.

Even without the hotel, the site has been something of a tourist draw. Berghof is now just a stand of shady trees atop moss-covered rubble, but still the curious come. Each day, hundreds look around the site and then take a bus to the peak of Kehlstein Mountain to see the 6,000-foot-high teahouse known as the ``Eagle's Nest," which the party built for Hitler to mark his 50th birthday.

The ascent to the mountain's top remains a feat of engineering. In thirteen months, the Nazis cut a winding road to the summit and then drilled into the mountain, where they installed a brass-paneled elevator, still in use, for the final 130-yard ride up to the retreat.

Two years ago, the state of Bavaria built a documentation center on the ruins of a building that had been a Nazi guesthouse near the Berghof and above the warren of bunkers where the Allies once suspected the Nazi leadership would make its last stand; the graffiti of American GIs are still on the walls.

Since its opening, 190,000 people have visited the documentation center. ``Obersalzberg and Auschwitz belong together," Hanisch, the historian, wrote in his booklet on the site. ``The peaceful and idyllic holidays and the death factories of unspeakable horrors."

To mind the political objections, the state of Bavaria, which retains title to the land, has written into its management contract with the hotel chain that it cannot use the nearby Nazi sites to cultivate tourism, officials said.

``Bavaria is not forgetting the Nazi years," said Bavarian Finance Minister Kurt Faltlhauser at a recent ceremony to mark the start of construction for the four-star hotel. ``But tourism on the Obersalzberg goes back to a long time before the Nazi period."

Life (according to me).

Jon Sewell

So I was sitting there in my apartment this morning, enjoying a bowl of Fruity Pebbles, when I looked out my window and saw a few hundred people moving about the campus. They were all carrying bags, and notebooks, and giant tomes, and I couldn't help but wonder where they were all going. Then I remembered that, unlike me, the vast majority of the student body had actually registered for classes. See, last semester I made the decision to go on a Habitat for Humanity trip, and it happened to coincide almost perfectly with registration.

So, I'm sitting here today with absolutely nothing to do. Sure, I suppose I could tackle the add/drop line, but what seemingly thousands of students don't realize is that until people start dropping classes, there isn't anything there to add. So I'll wait till tomorrow for that.

And that got me thinking about this week's column...well, that and the fact that it's due in a couple of hours. Anyways, I thought about all the people I know who simply wouldn't allow this to happen. There is no way that they would arrive in the fall for a new semester, not enrolled in a single class. I've been berated countless times by my peers about this, and am constantly being told to prioritize.

With that in mind, I started thinking about a few people who graduated this last semester, who tell me they already regret how they spent their time in college. I have one good friend who, in many people's eyes, was the quintessential college student. She came to WSC knowing exactly what her major was going to be. She never wavered in this, and on the first day of class determined exactly what classes she needed in each of her eight semesters to get out of here on time. She was good looking, intelligent, and popular, and she made friends with all the right people. She was the kind of girl who knew, on her first week as a freshman, where all the good parties were, on campus and off. She always knew which club or bar everyone was going to on a given night. Even when she wanted to go to the Wellness Center or Dining Commons, there were certain times to go, if she was going to be seen. And she'd always go with friends, as one simply can't be seen working out or eating alone. Her social life would never interfere with her studies, though. Her professors thought she was great, and she excelled in her classes. Basically, she knew how to get the most out of her time here at WSC. Right?

Well, she did go on to get a job in her chosen field...a field that she decided to pursue at the age of eighteen. She's already questioning the wisdom of her choices, realizing that now, four years later, she's a different person with different interests. The problem is, she never stopped to consider this while she was here. Her major was very demanding, and she had little time to explore other areas of study. She's scared now that she's locked into her job, for fear of wasting her education. In addition, she's lost contact with all but two of her "friends". After four years of being "in", she's suddenly very much alone, with a job that seemed great while here, and something very different in reality. And she's not alone. Several other friends bave told me similar stories.

So here's the thing: I'm in my fifth year, with a major I'm very uncertain of, and I still haven't finished my core. I still don't know where all these legendary off campus parties happen, and I avoid clubs (or anyplace that claims to "spin today's hottest hits") like the Bubonic plague. My friends are a motley bunch, to say the least, ranging from Abercrombie and Res Life folks, to hippies and punk rockers. I eat and work out alone on a regular basis, and I try my best to avoid the peak hours when "everybody" is there to be seen. I don't think many professors know me too well, and my GPA is somewhat (read: very much) less than stellar.

And I still don't have any classes for this semester.

So I guess one could argue that I'm everything you're not supposed to be in college. But it works for me. I think I've stayed true to myself, and have actually matured a bit learning a thing or two about others. I've got no clue what I'm doing when I finally get out of here, but I'm OK with that. Something will come along. And if it doesn't, I'll deal with it when the need arises. The girl from my example didn't waste her time here, but she did spend it living by other people's terms. Sure, she did all the "right" things, but none of them were necessarily right for her.

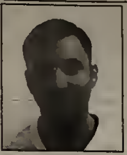
Now, I'm not implying you should go about college and life the way I have. I've made way too many mistakes to suggest that. If on the off chance you're sitting there saying "Man, this Jon kid really gets it, and I'm gonna do things like him", well, you're entirely missing my point. Live your life the way you really feel is right, not the way I, or anyone else does. Just be sure to look deep inside before you make that decision, and I'm willing to bet that things will turn out OK, and that you really will make the most of the time spent here.

Well, at least that's what I'm hoping...

Have a great week, and I'll see you all next time.

-J. Sewell is a Voice Columnist

The Cut



Chris Ward

Welcome back, Westfield. I had a great summer, whatever. For the new reader, this is the column where I have a good time saying whatever comes to mind and some people read it, most do not. My hobbies include playing Devil's Advocate, being both way out of line and the last to know, and human sacrifice. Oh, and being really sorry. I jump around topics fairly quickly, so once again it's a great column to read on the can, you can read just a few paragraphs at a time and leave it on the floor for whoever is next. AHDH is flaring again, so enough about that.

Justice Scalia, writing for the majority opinion in last summer's Supreme Court ruling limiting law enforcement's use of heat sensing devices in the location of, among other things, marijuana "grow lamps," cited his dismay at this "extraordinary assertion" of police power. The Court, and suprisingly so, found that obtaining information with any such device from within a home, without a warrant, constituted an unreasonable search. The ruling limited the use not only of the technology in question, but in broader language included such developing technologies as the Department of Justice's newest "through the wall" imaging device. Oh, and in that decision a pot grower got off.

The magic of organized religion... the Virgin Birth...centuries of turmoil beholden to an oxymoron. Marriage counseling from a Catholic priest? You might just as soon get your barbeque grilling tips from a Vegan. The idea that books, music, and movies exert an influence over our actions is also a frail one. Were someone to attempt walking on water and subsequently drowned could the Bible, then, be so maligned? The paternal figure of that piece of historic fiction supposedly engineered the torture and murder of his own son... I can only imagine the horror that might ensue if I ever let him get his hands on me. Expression of our spirituality is just that...our own. Even on this homogenous campus I've met wiccans, buddhists, druids, and a fair amount of other, unlabeled faiths as simple as they are cool. It's done me good, recovering from a near-church experience as I am, to see so many people these days turning their backs on religion and embracing god.

Watching Scooby Doo the other day, I finally realized that the cast of other characters is usually about three, so actually it's not too difficult to narrow down who the guy in the mask will be. Better late than never.

The dorm breakdown is as follows: Lammers. Don't freak, showering on your knees feels almost normal once callouses develop. Courtney. good luck ~~stealthily~~ getting a backpack down those long halls. Dic: Welcome to our old suite rooms. It's alright, they're clean now, it was just hard getting a priest in there to do it. Scanlon: You know that place they keep dead people, what's that called? Well there they used to call it "downstairs." Davis: Buy sensible shoes. You can always live closer to the action by simply pitching a tent borrowed from the Outing Club. Apartments: From those of us on the lower floors, please don't throw your butts down the fire escape to ping off my dome. Easy with those drinks, too.

Hey, did you know that the arrival of human hunters triggered a mass extinction of large animals in North America, dooming such Ice Age behemoths as the woolly mammoth and mastodon, as well as one in Australia tens of thousands of years earlier? Shocking, I know, but true. John Alroy, evolutionary biologist at the University of California at Santa Barbara, ran a computer model of North American ecology late in the Pleistocene epoch simulating the population dynamics of 41 large plant-eating mammals and humans, who were arriving on the scene for the first time (fashionably late). Alroy, victim of a lack of social skills common to evolutionary biologists, found that human hunting inevitably caused mass extinctions — particularly devastating the populations of the largest animals such as mammoths and mastodons, whose slow growth rates and long gestation periods made it hard for them to rebound (I assume their tusks made dribbling a chore as well). How can that be? I thought that earlier cultures were in harmony with nature. Wasn't the Mammoth their "brother?" My point being, of course, that the image of the "noble savage" is hooey. Humans are humans and prone to chaos. Well, anyway, if mastadons were still around they'd be going extinct ~~anyway~~ from SUV drivers on the phone slamming into them on the Pike.

Oh, last thing. Last summer Gap announced its new line of school uniforms. That's right, designer school uniforms which once again split students into those in Gap and those in generic uniforms...rendering the original point of having uniforms moot, of course.

Okay, if you want to form up and burn about fifty copies of the new Cake album in a barrel, then email me at Seamus2003@yahoo.com and let me know...I'll get the permit. Peace and balance.

-C. Ward is a Voice Columnist

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What's the Matter With Kids' Detractors These Days?

By Mike Males
Los Angeles Times

SANTA CRUZ _ Check out your favorite bookstore's newer ``parenting'' and ``adolescence'' arrivals, and you will find many of their authors decrying the degeneration of modern youth. Today's teens are lonely, troubled, depressed and confused, say psychologists William S. Pollack and Mary Bray Pipher.

``Twice as many kids are seriously troubled'' and exalt ``dark images,'' worries psychologist James Garbarino. Today's teen-age girls engage ``in far riskier health behavior in greater numbers than any prior generation,'' claims leftist media critic Jean Kilbourne. Youths perpetrate ``our most troubling social problems,'' asserts rightist philosopher Kay S. Hymowitz. ``Substance abuse has become epidemic, 5,000 adolescents take their lives every year and the increase in adult crimes (theft, robbery, murder) committed by children (is) frightful evidence of (a) new morbidity,'' says psychologist David Elkind.

However, the latest statistics show that youth crime and drug and alcohol abuse, among other social ills, are plunging. Mindful of this, generational historians Neil Howe and William Strauss argue, in ``Millennials Rising: The Next Great Generation,'' that the new Millennials (youngsters born after 1981) ``manifest a wide array of positive social habits that older Americans no longer associate with youth: teamwork, achievement, modesty and good conduct.'' Commentators who assume Millennials will continue the ``selfishness in personal manner, risk-taking with sex and drugs (and) crime, violence and social decay'' of grungy-gangsta Generation X (born 1961-1981) commit fallacious ``straight-line thinking,'' the authors contend.

What the optimistic Howe and Strauss and the negativist others suggest is that stern adult authority produces model kids, while freedom yields brats. While the negativists call for renewed grown-up authority to ``rescue,'' ``revive'' and ``save'' the wayward young, Howe and Strauss argue that adult crackdowns on youths in the 1990s have already nullified the effects of 30 years of permissiveness to forge disciplined ``no-nonsense kids.''

But this homily wilts in the face of reality. The permissively raised, universally deplored Generation X (especially California's version) is the true ``great generation,'' for it has braved a hostile social climate to reverse the abysmal trends of their baby-boomer predecessors.

Boomers' youthful difficulties are understandable legacies of the politically and morally turbulent 1960s. But three decades of adult arrogance, selfishness and puritanical hypocrisy since then are not. Boomers of the '60s pushed peace, civil rights and noble ideals; in the 1990s, they presided over a draconian war on drugs, resegregation and me-first politics. Boomers owe their record affluence to free quality education and opportunities paid for by their elders. But when it came their turn to pay the bills, they slashed their taxes and imposed sacrifices on youth. Ceaseless in their praise of ``family values,'' boomers constitute America's most family-destroying adults ever. Modern authorities who slander teenagers as bearers of drugs, crime and egocentrism are really describing boomers.

Middle-age and elder selfishness has taken an appalling toll. For example, California's once-exemplary public schools, universities and youth services deteriorated because of layoffs and overcrowding after older voters awarded themselves nearly 60 percent in tax cuts, beginning with Proposition 13 in 1978.

The state's per-pupil funding fell from fifth nationally to 37th in 1998. University tuition rocketed 600 percent in real dollars. Student debts soared from near zero in the 1960s to $4 billion in the 1990s. The percentage of impoverished youth doubled as industries slashed jobs and young-family income fell 20 percent. Twice as many Gen-Xer children grew up in fractured nonfamilies, as drug abuse, arrest and imprisonment tripled among their parents, whose marriages lasted, on average, 80 months.

Given such a harsh initiation, Gen-Xers should have been disastrously messed up. Not so. California's detailed, long-term statistics document the amazing improvements Gen-Xers have brought. As the state's teen-age population rose by half a million from the 1970s to the 1990s, teen-age drug-abuse deaths plummeted from 200 to 30 a year; felony arrests dropped 50 percent; property crime plunged 60 percent; drunken-driving fatalities fell from 300 to fewer than 100 annually; cigarette smoking declined 40 percent; suicidal deaths decreased from 600 to fewer than 300 annually; pregnancy dropped 20 percent; and sexually transmitted diseases declined by half. Even with crowded, underfunded schools, Gen-Xers' 1998 Scholastic Aptitude Test scores were, on average, 15 points higher than boomers' 1975 nadir.

Boomers laud themselves as socially conscious, but studies show that Gen-Xers are the real, in-the-trenches community volunteers. Far from the depressed, alienated misfits today's psychologist-authors bemoan, surveys consistently find 80 percent to 90 percent of Gen-Xers self-confident and optimistic.

The few bad Gen-Xer trends _ notably, the early-1990s surge in teen births, street violence and murder _ principally afflicted youth suffering from high unemployment and poverty. It was not permissive parenting, but aging boomers' demand for crack cocaine and heroin that touched off the drug-supply warfare and gang violence in the inner cities. In the late 1990s, crime rates among the state's poorest black and Latino youths dropped to levels below those of the 1970s.

Imprisonment of California's young black men fell 35 percent during the 1990s, while drug abuse and imprisonment among white and black men older than 30 soared, statistics that challenge the familiar nostrum that older men should ``rescue'' young inner-city males. Despite claims of rising suicide, a black teen today is only one-third as likely to take his own life as his 1970 counterpart.

Trends among California's white kids, purportedly the most permissively indulged, show that Gen-Xer improvements would have been more spectacular had their elders not imposed the poverty and disinvestment that endangered poorer youth. White teens make up California's fastest-declining criminal population. Every year in the 1970s, about 55,000 white youths were arrested for felonies and 80 were charged with murder. By contrast, the respective 1990s statistics are 25,000 felonies and 50 murders a year.

In the 1990s, psychologists warned that teen culture had turned ``toxic,'' yet white teens' safety improved amazingly: Rates of suicide, gun death and murder fell 40 percent; drug-related deaths dropped 45 percent; and all deaths as a result of violence plunged 50 percent. By the mid-'90s, California Gen-Xers had erased the perils that boomers had brought at every age level. A survey from the University of California, Los Angeles, comparing 1992 freshman girls with their 1969 counterparts said it all: The former boasted three times the varsity sports letters, and only one-seventh as many took sedatives.

Now, the Millennial teens, despite rare but terrible exceptions such as school shootings, are extending the Gen-Xers' improvements. The latest statistics, from 1999, show the hazards of being a California teen at record lows: suicide, lowest level since 1959; homicide, lowest since 1967; violent and other felony crime, lowest since 1967; drug deaths, a bit higher than Gen-Xers' but still 80 percent below boomers' rates; violent death, lowest ever; and birth rates, lowest since 1940.

What caused this unexpected healthier youth behavior? Howe and Strauss' answer, mostly based on anecdotal evidence, credits curfews, school uniforms, a ``zero tolerance'' drug policy, curriculum standards and strict parenting. Malarkey! The two decades of impressive Gen-Xer improvements long predated the current get-tough fervor, and accumulating research shows that curfews, zero tolerance and other responses to youth troubles are feckless.

A more positive _ and revealing _ answer may be that Gen-Xers compensated for their boomer parents' disarray by assuming more adult responsibilities at younger ages and refusing to emulate their elders' excesses. Contrary to their detractors, Gen-Xer teens proved admirably competent in handling adult freedoms and duties. The most worrisome question is whether boomers, whose political power is peaking, will reverse or exacerbate their record as the generation that wrecked California's once-rich promise to its young.

Sonnet

It will soon be time for me to depart
And, of all the things, I think i will miss
The many things i enjoyed from the start,
Your beauty, your warm embrace and your kiss.
Your beauty will stay with me as I go
And here, I leave a piece of me behind
To tell you I love you, just so you know
You will always be in my heart and mind.
And also with me shall your kindness stay,
So I will never truly alone be.
For, if I can think of you every day,
How could I ever claim to be lonely?
Although I must soon leave, my love will not,
No time or distance shall sever this knot.

~James Wilcox

Sonnet

Many times have I chased a herring red
And reached out for ghosts amongst the briar.
Many times have I left myself for dead,
But love, oh love, has saved me from the fire.
Many times have I found myself alone,
Calling out with my worthless cries, in pain.
Many times have I run away from home,
But love, sweet love, has brought me back again.
Many times have I found my hands empty,
For all good things slipped between my fingers.
Many times have I felt ill and sickly,
Then love, your love, was given as a cure.
Just once did I look to see what was true,
To know, within my heart, that I loved you.

~James Wilcox

“Do you feel safer now that our campus police are armed? ”

“I DIDN’T KNOW THAT THEY WERE ARMED, BUT THAT’S COOL.”

JOHN FARACA
MUSIC
2005

“YEAH, I EXPECTED THEM TO HAVE GUNS...LIKE REGULAR POLICE.”

NORA TARBI
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
2005

“YEAH, IT WILL DETER PEOPLE FROM DOING STUFF.”

CLIFF TOMASSIAN
MOVEMENT SCIENCE
2005

“WHEN POLICE HAVE GUNS, MORE MISTAKES THAN BENEFITS OCCUR. IT MAKES ME FEEL LIKE I’M LIVING IN PRISON.”

DAVE KOWALSKI
COMMUNICATIONS
2004

“NO, THEY’RE FREE TO USE WEAPONS HOW THEY WANT. IF THEY FEEL THREATENED, THEY CAN SHOOT WHOMEVER.”

TIFFANY BROWN
PSYCHOLOGY
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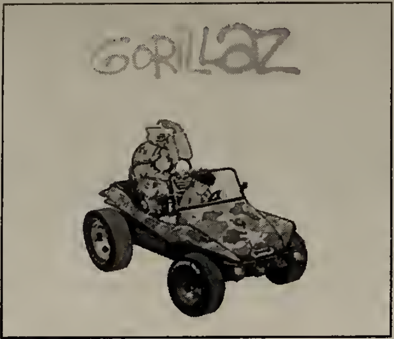
With a name like Gorillaz, how can you go wrong?

Jed Dion
A&E Editor

By accident I picked up a CD by a band called the Gorillaz one afternoon while poking around in the WSKB office. It somehow slipped into my pile of "loud" albums to be reviewed for this semester's radio broadcasts. Upon discovering this random CD, I almost heaved it. The only thing that kept me from tossing out this CD was the cartoon on the front showing the band sitting in an army jeep.

Before I could get around to listening to this CD, and I assure you I was in no hurry, I caught the video for the Gorillaz first hit "Clint Eastwood." The video was a neat cartoon of the band running around fighting huge monkeys. The song was great too! So I popped the CD in my CD player and was blown away. It's funny how you find great stuff without even looking.

The first track of the Gorillaz debut album is called "Re-Hash" and is a mix of light rock with samples. There aren't many words to the song, but a bunch of different sings are used to harmonize on what is being said in the song. It's sort of intro for the next track "5/4" which features loud drums and the vocals of 2-D, who some people might recognize as the lead singer of Blur. If you're not sure who Blur is, go to a hockey game and wait for the "Whooo hooo" song. While this track is loud and rocking, the next track "Tomorrow Comes Today" is mellower and features different instruments. The strong beat of the drums is kept loud, but the song has a strange sad feel to it. The sound of a soft accordion creates this feeling along with some other sounds that I can't identify. Another song "Slow Country" also does this. "Slow Country" is one of my favorite tracks on the CD because of the sweet guitar line and the odd keyboard effects that serve as the backbone of the song.


The Gorillaz debut album

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If you're wondering what kind of music Gorillaz can be described as, hang on we're still trying to determine that. While the first few tracks have a light rock feel, the hit song "Clint Eastwood" blends rock with rap. Singer 2-D and drummer Russel alternate between verse and chorus. 2-D singing the catchy "I'm happy/ I'm feeling glad/ I got sunshine/ In a bag…" and Russel handling the rap in the song's verses. This song is followed by a song a usually skip over called "Man Research." I'm not really sure how to describe this track. It starts off with a really neat beat laced with some interesting keyboard tones. The song then takes a left turn and continues on for another four minutes.

Track 7 is simply called "Punk" and is around a minute of distorted guitars and drums and even some hand claps. Each line is followed by three handclaps, making the song kind of funny to listen to. The jazz elements in "Rock the House" combine with rap to create a Hip-Hop sound that will remain in your head no matter how hard you try to shake it.

The track "Double Bass" is one of a few instrumentals on the album. This song inparticular creates a weird outer space feel. While listening to this track, one can't help feel like they are floating around in space. These guys refuse to stick to any one style, yet they manage to not lose track of what they are doing. A lot of bands try to use a lot of styles and get flack for it because they don't focus all their attention on just one thing. Gorillaz manage to make all different styles their own. It doesn't matter that one track can sound like a weird video game and the next a sweet light rock tune. They manage to use all of the styles to their advantage.

Gorillaz can be best summed up as an experimental band with a lot to offer the listening public. It's basically made up of drums, keyboards, guitars and bass, but can't be held to just being a rock band. There are many rock tunes on the album, but they're a little more creative than the rock tunes that tend to hog the airwaves of mainstream radio. Gorillaz is hoping to change that. With "Clint Eastwood" in rotation at MTV, the video has become a nominee for this years MTV Video Music Awards.

In a time of uninspired rock music, it would be great to see Gorillaz come out on top. They are a fresh new sound and their album is definitely worth checking out. Obviously not everyone will like it; it takes a few listens to fully understand just what it is you're listening to. But the album grows on you more and more with each listen. Call WSKB at 572-5427 this fall and request it!

And now for something new...

Jon Sewell
Assistant Editor

OK, I'm going to level with you here. In the past week, I haven't had the time to read a book, the money to buy a CD, or the social life to go see a movie. So instead, I've decided to share with you a few of my favorite things, stuff I think everyone should make an attempt to read, listen to, or see, sometime in the near future, with an emphasis on that which you may not have heard about yet.

This summer I had a chance to read a book that immediately became one of my all time favorites. "The Power of One," by Bryce Courteney, is a delightful book that'll tap into just about every emotion you've got. It's the story of a young boy growing up in Africa during the terrifying years of Apartheid, and explains why boxing is cool, why racism is evil, and why believing in yourself is the key to success in any endeavor. It's a simple read, and I'm sure historians could rip it apart, claiming it doesn't fully address the depth of Apartheid. This could well be, but it doesn't take away from the inherent goodness of this book Plus, it addresses the importance of establishing an identity, something that so many people of our generation seem to not understand.

As far as I can tell, Ryan Adams is one of the best songwriters alive today. He was previously the lead singer for Whiskeytown, one of the leading bands in the genre of music known as alternative country. His first solo album, though, entitled Heartbreaker, really lets Ryan shine. It's one of the most appropriately named albums I've ever heard, nearly every song dealing with heartbreak, unrequited love, and lonesomeness. The simple guitar work, the masterful songwriting, and Adam's uniquely rough voice combine to make a truly emotional disk, and one of the favorites in my collection. He's apparently got a gig on Letterman on October fourth, so that may be a sign that's he's about to make it. Catch him before he gets big.

There are times when I want my movies to be profound. I want them to be stirring tales of love and loss, of anguish and of the triumph of the human spirit. And then, well, then there's other times. Times that I want to see stuff blowing up. And that's the perfect time to pop in the Boondock Saints.

This movie is about two Irish Catholic brothers living in Boston's South End, who receive a message from God to eradicate evil. It's ridiculously violent, the language is absolutely profane, and it's obviously a product of a low budget. But, man, is it good. A few months ago, you could buy previewed copies at Blockbuster for a couple bucks. It seems to be fast becoming a cult hit, though, so they are increasingly difficult to find. Good luck even renting it these days. Oh, and thanks to Colin for introducing me to it.

Well, that's about it. A few things that I like, plain and simple. I suppose they're all kind of indicative of my personality (well, maybe not the movie), but I think they have universal appeal. Hope you like them.

Hey you, read this.

Hello, my name is Jed and I do this Arts and Entertainment thingy. This picture to the left is me. I really like music and I like to review it, but I would also like to encourage you to send in music reviews or even book or movie reviews. It would be great to have an Arts and Entertainment section filled with stuff about movies, dance, books, concerts... even if you want to review your favorite ham burger stand, that would be cool too!

What I'm saying is, if you want to review something. review it! Make sure you send it to me though so I can get it up on this here page.Anyone can reach me here at the voice on Monday or Tuesday nights... or just slip it under the door marked "Arts and Entertainment" I'll probably figure out what it's for. Just include a printed hard copy of what you've written along with it on disk (Please try and write this thing on Word or something).

Here's another way you can help me kids, if you know of any local bands, rap groups, DJ's or even opera singers who attend this school, tell them to send me a CD for review in this very news paper. Wouldn't it be great to shine some light on Westfield State's very own assortment of talent? You bet! So send me CD's, press kits, bribes, whatever you want, and I'll do my best to review it and give bands press. I must remind you however, I don't like everything. Don't complain if I thought your CD sounded like it was recorded inside a tin can. Afterall, any press is good press, rright?

So give me a hand in getting so different stuff up on these Arts and Entertainment pages. If you leave it up to just me, this section will start to look like my own personal zine, and no one wants that!

Here are some fun things to expect in this year's Arts and Entertainment section.

-New Releases: Be the first on your floor to know when all the new albums are coming out.

-DJ Spotlight: Who is that lovely voice you hear on the radio? Find out each week as we devote half a page to your favorite DJ on WSKB.

-Reviews, reviews and more reviews. How are you going to know about anything if we don't have these?

Ok, got all that. If not, read it again. If yes, go read Jon Sewell's column right next to this one.

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Taco Bell Area, Wilson Hall 8AM-11AM Tuesday, September 11, 2001.

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Where: The Third World Room in Ely Campus Center, lower level next to the Campus Bookstore

Westfield State Football Features Veteran Team

By Mickey Curtis, SID

Steve Marino has been around long enough to know not to make any bold predictions. But he still has a pretty good feeling, and rightly so, about his 2001 Westfield State College football team.

The Owls feature plenty of experience, returning all but three starters from last year's 3-6 squad. Whether this experience can translate into more victories in the increasingly competitive New England Football Conference is the key question.

"I really don't know what to expect in terms if how we'll we're going to do," said Marino, who begins his 12th season as Westfield's head coach. "Our first team did have a fairly competitive scrimmage against Springfield College."

Defensively, Marino expects his squad to be better than last season when it allowed an average of 17.6 points per game. Leading the defensive charge is senior end Tim Corr, who has racked up some impressive numbers, including 17 sacks in the last two seasons, for the Owls. The 6-4, 215-pounder was an All Conference selection last season and should contend for All New England honors this year.

"I think Tim Corr can be a very good player for us; I think he can be even better," said Marino. "He's a tough kid to block. You look at him and he doesn't look that impressive (physically) but you can't block him."

To even further strengthen the defense, the Owls have a number of players returning who were sidelined with season-ending ailments in 2000. Sophomore outside linebacker Mike Hurteau was the team's third leading tackler as a freshman in 1999; he didn't play last year because of an illness.

Another key addition is junior middle linebacker Josue Zamora. The Hartford, Conn., native begins his first year of football for the Owls after starring on the baseball diamond the past two seasons.

"Josue is a very talented player," said Marino.

In the defensive secondary, four of the five key players were sidelined for all or part of last season with injuries.

"I think the defense we put out onto the field can be good; we just have to stay healthy," said Marino. "We had a good defense last year and we didn't have the depth we have this year."

Offensively, the Owls simply need to score more. Last season they averaged 16.7 points per game. In three games they didn't score a touchdown and in two others they only crossed the goal line once.

"It is essential that we get better offensively," said Marino. "We do have experience and we should be better, but a lot depends on how our quarterback plays. We have to rely on our defense early."

Experience abounds offensively, with nine of 11 starters returning, including the entire receiver-tight end and running back units. But the all-important quarterback position features a newcomer this season - sophomore Chris Lapointe, a 6-3, 225 pound transfer from Central Connecticut State. Lapointe was an All Western Mass. standout at Turners Falls High School.

"Chris has a strong arm; he throws the ball well and has a good touch," said Marino. "He just has to understand what we want him to do and he has to get comfortable with the offense."

Junior Jesse Phelps of Greenfield is No. 2 on the quarterback depth charts. He also may see action at running back, where he played some last season.

"Phelps is a jack of all trades for us," said Marino. "He throws well and gives us depth at several positions."

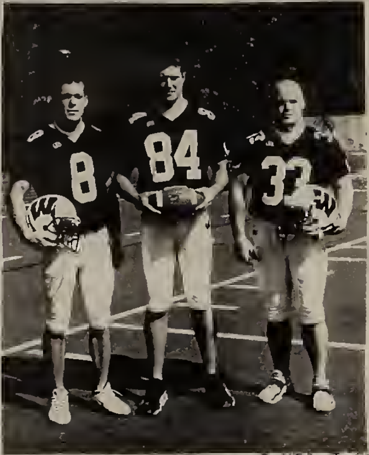
Expect sophomore Matt Yvon to be Lapointe's primary target. The Springfield Cathedral High School graduate led the Owls with 22 receptions in 2000. Also returning is senior running back Shawn Lymen of West Springfield, who rushed for 683 yards last season while averaging nearly 19 carries per game.

"Lymen is a guy we expect to carry the ball 20-25 times a game, and we'll spell him with Don Jones," said Marino.

Jones is a talented first-year player who set a school record with 2,043 rushing yards at Springfield Central High School.

"Don is a strong kid (at 5-6, 160 pounds)," said Marino. "And he's not just a dancer when he gets the ball. He has good quickness and he's shifty."

One area that concerns Marino a great deal is the kicking game. Lost to graduation is Chicopee's John Frasco, who kept the Owls competitive last season with his punting and placekicking. Frasco was All New England and one of the top punters in the nation last season, averaging 39.5 yards per boot. Frasco, who made all eight field goals he attempted in his college career, holds the school record for extra points made (40) and ranks third in career points (136).



Westfield State football captains, left to right, are: David Eaton, Tim Corr, and P.J. Lorentzen.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

Owls Position Outlook

OFFENSIVE LINE

The offensive line has plenty of experience despite the presence of only one senior on the front five. Senior left guard George Emmanuel is a returning starter who also saw considerable action in his first two seasons. Junior tackle Doug Kaczmarcyzyk of Athol has started since his freshmen season, while junior right guard Dave Duquette was a first teamer as a sophomore. Junior left Pete Feeley returns after sitting out the past two seasons. Anchoring the center position is sophomore Rob Byme of Ludlow, who started as a freshman. Freshmen who provide depth are center Rendy Coryer, Vem Crownshew and John Kelley.

RECEIVERS/TIGHT ENDS

The Owls have plenty of familiar faces here, too. Alternating at tight end for the second consecutive year are juniors Brian Matuszko, a 6-5, 250-pounder from South Deerfield, and Kevin "Chaos" Vaughn of Chicopee. Tom Walsh, a 6-2, 275-pounder who is listed as a fullback, also may see action here. Leading the receiving corps is talented sophomore Matt Yvon of East Longmeadow (Cathedral High School), who led the Owls last year with 22 catches for 405 yards and four touchdowns. Yvon's starting mate is speedy senior Devid Eaton, who also stars in track and field for the Owls. Sophomore Erik Consilvio was Westfield's second-leading pass receiver in 2000 with eight catches for 135 yards. He adds depth along with sophomore Brendon Sullivan and freshman David Trueira, who averaged 20 yards per reception at Wilmington High School.

OFFENSIVE BACKS

Sophomore Chris Lapointe has been given the starting nod at quarterback heading into the season. The 6-3, 225-pound sophomore transfer from Central Connecticut State was an All Western Mass. standout at Turners Falls High School in Franklin County. Junior Jesse Phelps, another Franklin County product from Greenfield, is listed as No. 2 on the depth charts. Phelps, who has thrown just six passes in his first two seasons at Westfield, also may see action at running back. The Owls are established at tailback and fullback with returning starters Shawn Lyman and P.J. Lorentzen. Lyman, a senior from West Springfield, has rushed for 1,207 yards on 299 carries in three seasons, including 683 yards and a team-high six touchdowns in 2000. Lorentzen, a senior tri-captain, led the Owls in yards per rush (4.3) last season. The Owls have a three talented freshmen running backs who starred at Western Mass. high schools in Don Jones (Springfield Central), Matt Wooliver (Mt. Greylock), and Craig Skribiski (Frontier Regional). Jones was the Western Mass. MVP last season as he set a school record with 2,043 rushing yards. Wooliver was the Berkshire County MVP; the 5-11, 205-pounder may see action at both tailback and fullback.

DEFENSIVE LINE

The defensive front should create plenty of excitement this season led by fifth-year senior Tim Corr. The rangy 6-4, 215-pound end was a first team selection in the 14-team New England Football Conference last season when he led the Owls with seven sacks, 14 tackles for losses and three fumble recoveries. During his sophomore year in 1999 he created havoc with 10 sacks, 16 tackles for losses, two fumble recoveries, three fumbles caused and three blocked kicks. Other returning starters on the defensive front are junior end John Cloutier of Chicopee and sophomore tackle Stevie Faniel. Cloutier - a converted fullback - posted 4.5 sacks last year. The other tackle slot will be manned by either senior Derek Jeppe or freshman Casey Lawrence. Depth is provided by freshmen ends Jesse Holmes of Springfield Central and Den Sloan of Turners Falls.

LINEBACKERS

This is also a strong position for the Owls. Returning starters are juniors Jaret Foley and Dan Fitzgerald, the team's second (70) and third (69) leading tacklers last year. Also returning is sophomore Mike Hurteau, who sat out the entire 2000 campaign with an illness. Hurteau made an immediate impact as a freshman in 1999 and was the team's third leading tackler. Expected to do the same this season is junior Josue Zamora, a first-year player who was an All-State selection at Weaver High School in Hartford, Conn. Zamora starred on the baseball diamond his first two years at Westfield State. The coaching staff is high on freshmen Chris Brown and Dave Granados.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

The Owls have plenty of familiar faces here, they just hope to stay healthy to become a cohesive unit. Seniors Pat Swett and Ryan Clifford saw considerable action in 1999 but sat out all but one game of the 2000 season with injuries. Senior Al Gates was the team's fifth-leading tackler in 2000 despite missing three games. Senior Kyle Kostanski intercepted two passes in the two games he played last year, while junior Aaron Ragland saw action in six games. Junior Jason Olivari was able to stay injury free in 2000 when he led the team with four interceptions and 11 pass breakups.

SPECIALTY TEAMS

The kicking game concerns the coaching staff with the departure of All Conference and All New England punter John Fresco, who also handled the placekicking. Taking snaps at punter are Tim Corr, Doug Kaczmarcyzk and Matt Yvon, while Ryan Clifford and P.J. Lorentzen have been placekicking. Kick and punt returners are David Eaton and Don Jones.

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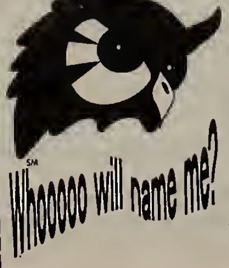

Owl's name:..

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The contest is open to all Westfield State students and employees. Please drop your entry in the "Name the Owl" boxes at athletic events or in the Ely Campus Center. Or send it through campus mail to Owl, Athletics, Ely Campus Center. Please submit entries by 5 p.m. Sept. 24.

The best name will be selected by an Athletics Department committee from the entries. If more than one person suggests the winning name, all the winning entries will be placed in a drawing for the grand prize. Consolation prizes also will be given. The grand prize drawing is scheduled for Family Weekend, Sept. 29.

ACROSS
1 Firm up (one's muscles)
5 Knife handles
10 Decorative trim
14 Indication
15 Nebraska city
16 Run —, go wild
17 Silent performer
18 "The Old — Bucket"
19 Discourteous
20 Jazz dances
22 Made lovable
24 Story of the Trojan War
26 Purpose
27 Sweet
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34 Unrefined metals
35 Boulevard
37 Skater Sonja —
38 Split
39 Road surface
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42 Drenches
44 Adhesive —
45 Sugar source
46 Signs up
48 In the direction of
50 Morning moisture
51 Fall bloomer
52 Boundary
56 Overseas
60 Verdi opera
61 Fawn
63 "— Really Want to Do"
64 Stair
65 Group of three
66 Valley
67 Thomas Hardy heroine
68 Gushes
69 Facintale

Hey Jeds and Jedettes, I am DJ and I am going to be your comic editor for the year. If you would like to send in a comic, then feel free. You can put them in the Personals box or give them to us room C-248 in Ely. Enjoy...

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1 Male turkeys
2 Leave out
3 Captain of the "Nautilus"
4 Adversaries
5 Indiana residents
6 Physicians' org.
7 Pretended
8 "And — some!"
9 Summer shoe
10 Town of the Old West
11 China/Russia divider
12 Secret writing
13 — out: made do with
21 Practice (a trade)
23 Pieces of —: pirate's treasure
25 Votes to accept
27 Mustang, e.g.
28 Hunter constellation
29 Katmandu's land
30 Makes fit
31 Register
32 Annoyed
33 Cults
36 Triumphant exclamation
39 Valuable item
40 Aerobic logs
43 Snatches illegally
45 Volley
47 — and turns
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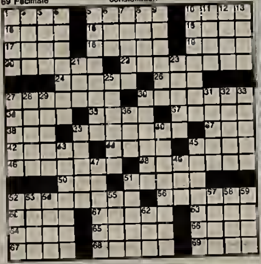

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

There Are Wolves All Around Us

"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves."
— Matthew 10:16

Among the instructions Jesus gave His disciples when He sent them on their missions was a warning to beware the evils that nonbelievers and men who opposed His teachings might impose on them. "A sheep among wolves" was as apt a description then as it is today. We all are confronted daily with the wickedness that exists in life, and we are surrounded by the sinners who would entice us to do likewise. Jesus armed His disciples with the spirit of God and a belief that the message they carried to the world would protect them. We, too, have our faith in God as a refuge and the words of Jesus as a comfort when the predators who assail us become too threatening.

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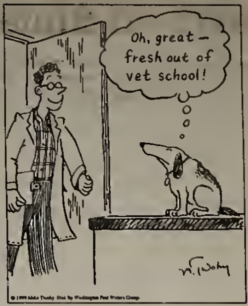
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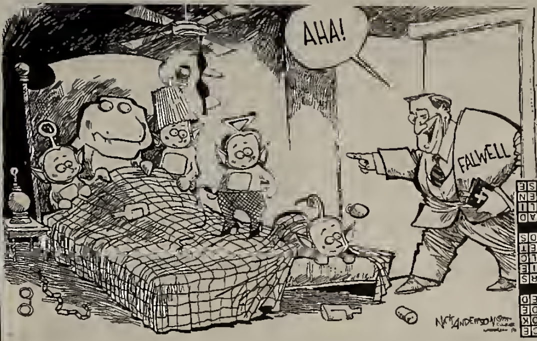
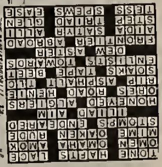




Personals

Big Ding Dang Here Love, IB1

Consilvio= 2 pump chump

RIP Hank the Dwarf, Fall River's finest. #17

Luke, 6'4"...250 lbs, no talent. love, WSC Football

RD&B= STD

Hey...there goes your...BOO! -ST+MM- (Sweetie)

Does your fire escape have stairs?

Nice underwear, Weenie.

Can you please keep your shirt on???

"Ahhh"

Your sister's on the phone Boo! -MM (you know who you are!)

Don't do that on the pissoir.

Rock and Roll is wicked mint.

I didn't make it to class today, 'cause I was afraid of getting shot by a bicycle cop.

Hey, it my spleen!

Sometimes you just gotta say: "Now hold it right there, buster."

Hippies are pretty funny people.

Man, tough is a hard ethos to follow.

What? Hardy Boys? Where?

My nose is cold.

Crud.

Well, as far as I can tell, you've got two options. You can either drink the milk, or go ride the damn monster truck.

Ask me if I'm a tree.

Has anyone noticed that all girls seem hotter on move-in day?

Listen to WSKB.

Did Lloyd's Hill break up?

Joe's cool

Save a cow, eat a person.

My professor poked my eye out.

"Tastes like burning..."

I think it's funny that we're building a new complex for jocks, while the rest of us get to spend the next few years crammed into lounges and closets.

"Kick Butt!"

I am Max Payne.

It's not a real rock show till someone throws the goat.

So there's these two polor bears in the shower...

The hot girl from the library graduated. Now where am I supposed to do my papers?

My caf boyfriend has hair.

Sam Adams is not only a good beer, but a fine American too.

I could have seen those girls kiss, if JS's stupid head wasn't in the way.

RP+JH

I'd just tell the president...y'know, Charlton Heston?

phooey-kablooey!

personals suck.

Six girls+One Apartment is just no good.

commuting is not as much fun as I thought.

What happened to the Scanlon kitchens?

BRING BACK KEVIN'S KORNER!!

Too bad all the cute girls are taken, dumb, or snobs.

Tube top girl, I want your digits!!!

New caf, same sucky food.

Why does Subway smell so weird?

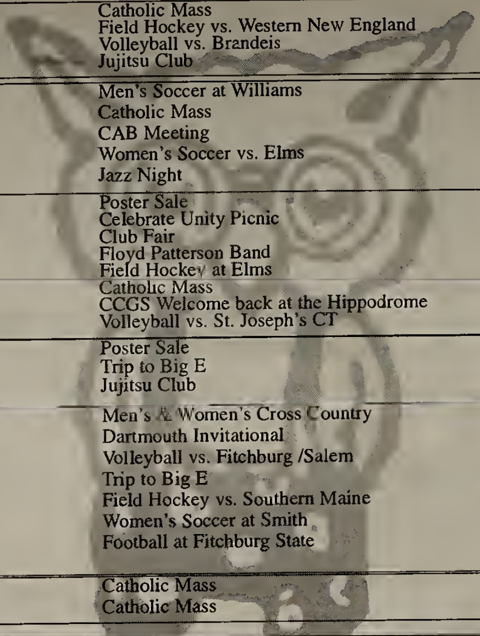
Hey new students!!! This week: laser tag and Movies on the Green. Next week...nothing!

Beer: my anti-drug. No, wait a sec...

I just want to take them under my wing, kiss then on the forehead, maybe the

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events



Day	Time	Event	Location
Mon 9/10		No Scheduled Activities	
Tue 9/11	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	7:00 p.m.	Field Hockey vs. Western New England	Alumni Field
	7:00 p.m.	Volleyball vs. Brandeis	P-gym
	8:30 p.m.	Jujitsu Club	E-wellness
Wed 9/12	4:15 p.m.	Men's Soccer at Williams	Williamstown, MA
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interface Center
	4:30 p.m.	CAB Meeting	SGA Room
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Soccer vs. Elms	Alumni Field
	7:00 p.m.	Jazz Night	E-main lounge
Thur 9/13	9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Poster Sale	Campus Green
	4:00 p.m.	Celebrate Unity Picnic	Campus Green
	4:00 p.m.	Club Fair	Campus Green
	4:00 p.m.	Floyd Patterson Band	Campus Green
	4:00 p.m.	Field Hockey at Elms	Chicopee, MA
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	7:00 p.m.	CCGS Welcome back at the Hippodrome	Springfield, MA
	7:00 p.m.	Volleyball vs. St. Joseph's CT	P-gym
Fri 9/14	9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Poster Sale	Campus Green
	4:00 p.m.	Trip to Big E	W. Springfield, MA
	4:00 p.m.	Jujitsu Club	E-Wellness Center
Sat 9/15	TBA	Men's & Women's Cross Country Dartmouth Invitational	U-Mass
	11:00 a.m.	Volleyball vs. Fitchburg /Salem	P-gym
	1:00 p.m.	Trip to Big E	W. Springfield, MA
	1:00 p.m.	Field Hockey vs. Southern Maine	Alumni Field
	1:00 p.m.	Women's Soccer at Smith	North Hampton, MA
	1:30 p.m.	Football at Fitchburg State	Fitchburg, MA
Sun 9/16	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium

USEFUL INFORMATION

JUST THE PLAIN FAX

AS SGT. JOE FRIDAY USED TO SAY--"JUST THE PLAIN FAX MA'AM." A PUBLIC FAX MACHINE HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN THE ELY CAMPUS CENTER MAIN LOUNGE. INSTRUCTIONS ARE EASY TO FOLLOW. PRICES ARE OUTLINED FOR EACH USAGE.

NEED CASH FAST?

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At your service..........

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DON'T FORGET!

Get your Fall ID stickers at the Campus Center Service Window

WANT SOME CULTURE?

Check out Springfield Symphony Orchestra schedule at the Campus Center Service Window. Student vouchers for $6

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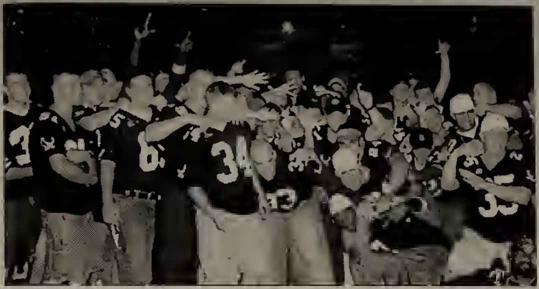

-Photo by Tim Montgomery

The WSC Football Team showing their spirit at the September 6 pep rally.

Passport to Adventure program unites students in campus events

By Adrienne Lamplough
Assistant Editor

Residential Life is offering Westfield State College students "free money" to any student participating in Passport to Adventure, a program which unites residents and commuters in campus wide events throughout the school year, said Kathi Bradford Associate Director of Residential Life.

Passport to Adventure provides students with the opportunity to attend campus events and programs that will bring the learning out of the classrooms and into a more informal setting, said Bradford.

Many different programs are offered as a part of the Passport to Adventure, such as, Alcohol and Substance Abuse Awareness Programs, Diversity Awareness and Education, Community Service and Outreach Programs along with Personal Development Programs. As students attend these programs they will receive a stamp on their passports which have been delivered to student's mailboxes, she said.

"Every student who completes the 10 programs automatically receives a $25 gift certificate to the bookstore or $25 towards Flex dollars. If students finish the passport in May you can apply the Flex dollars in the fall," said Bradford.

Other prizes being offered are a Polarwave, Television, DVD Player and parking spaces, said Bradford.

"We are working on additional prizes and many prizes still haven't been confirmed yet," she said. We are recruiting for off campus prizes as well because we are trying to get off campus involvement, said Bradford.

"Last year we did not have a lot of students participate because they just didn't know about the Passport for Adventure," said

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Service held to honor lost lives

WSC community gathers to help cope with Tuesday's tragedy

By Meg Canning
News Editor

At least 600 Westfield State College students, faculty members and staff gathered Tuesday in Parenzo Hall to honor and remember the thousands who died in last week's terrorist actions.

WSC was deeply moved and affected by Tuesday's events, as was the rest of the nation and world, President Frederick Woodward said. Residential Life, the Counseling Center, chaplains and other trained personnel were made readily available for students to discuss their emotions.

"The turnout for the service was tremendous, especially the amount of students and faculty that came to an event organized in such short notice," Student Government Association President Shane Eldredge said. "Personally, I'd like to thank everyone for attending."

"Talking is good," Woodward said at the service held Tuesday. "It is good for people to be with friends and loved ones if they feel the need to do so."

Everyone understands it's going to take time to go through the healing process, Vice President of Student Affairs Arthur Jackson said. "It's better to do this collectively than individually," he said.

The college needs unity and tolerance to deal with this tragedy, Woodward said. "It is time to join together in this community and as a nation."

"It is not appropriate to speculate on those responsible," Woodward said. "That will be known in time. It is time to extend our sympathies and prayers for the victims and their families touched by this tragedy."

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WSC student travels to NYC to witness first hand the effects of terrorist attacks

By Tim Montgomery
Voice Reporter

Reporters are asking other reporters; "What did you sense... What did you feel when you were down town?"

There is no way that you can ever tell anyone. You have to be there.

New York City is a war zone and a ghost town at the same time according to citizens on the ground in Manhattan. Many of them were either right near the disaster, were in the disaster, or connected through family members and friends. I decided to go there.

92 miles outside of the city, we began to see signs of the terrorism.

"It's gonna be a mess," Tom Ahearn, a maintenance worker for the Department of Transportation said.

Ahearn runs Wallingford Rest Area, in Wallingford Connecticut and he told us that we would not be able to even get close to New York City.

"Your going to have to walk 30 miles from Connecticut," Ahearn said in disbelief that we were attempting to go into Manhattan.

While the Wallingford Rest Area was removed from the action taking place further down Route 95 South, network news was able to make him a part of it.

"I love my country, but I fear my government," he said of the repercussions for whomever committed this act of terrorism to the U.S.

Traffic was light while traveling down Route 91 South, while digitized signs and local AM Radio warned to stay off of connecting highways that headed to New York City.

A recorded message told of severe traffic problems, while the highway remained bare.

Shortly after we crossed the Connecticut/New York border, the first signs of smoke began to appear on the horizon, like a yellow and brown storm cloud promising rain.

From Route 95, we moved onto the Bronx Expressway where utility workers had set up make-shift preparation areas for assistants vehicles headed towards Manhattan.

"Emergency Staging Area," read one sign written in fluorescent orange on a piece of particle board leaning on a barrier at the entrance to one rest stop.

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Communications professor returns home after illness

By Alison Close
Voice Reporter

After five months of hospitalization for systemic strep infection, communications professor Dr. Edwin Abar, Jr. returned home in August.

Doctors expect a full recovery, but Abar will not be returning this semester, communications department chair Elizabeth Preston said.

-File Photo

Professor Abar

After two months at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcestor, Abar was transferred to Fairlawn Rehabilitation Center, also in Worcestor. Abar remained at Fairlawn for three months and returned home in early August, Preston said.

He remains in a wheelchair and is expected to recover and begin walking again within one to two years of intensive physical therapy, Preston said.

Abar may "possibly come back in the spring in limited capacity," but would not return to his full workload until next year, Preston said. "As of right now it is not clear whether he will return this year or not," she said.

Abar's responsibilities, including internship coordinator, have been covered by full-time faculty members as well as a new professor, Preston said.

"Professor Tom Gardner has joined the department for this year and is technically covering Professor Abar's classes," Preston said.

Gardner is, at this time, a temporary addition to the Communications Department, hired to cover Abar's absence.

One section of Communication Law, scheduled to be taught by Abar, was cancelled this semester. This caused some students to overload into the

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New programs including non profit management and aviation management are now offered at WSC.

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Minorities are battling the long segregated sorority system at the University of Alabama.

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Gathering

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The non-denominational service, led by the Rev. Ruth Brandon, pastor of the Second Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, in Westfield, began at 12:30 p.m. and lasted about 35 minutes.

Students and faculty members from the music department sang Saranam, meaning "my refuge," from the Pakistan tradition at the service.

"We are face to face with an unknown," Brandon said. "This is one place where everyone's in the same place," Brandon said in a telephone interview Wednesday night. "They have the same anger, shock and anxiety to cope with."

She asked for "courage, strength and comfort for families, colleagues and friends' of those involved in the catastrophe."

Rev. Ruth Brandon invited members and friends of United Church of Christ, Second Congregational, 487 Western Ave., for a Memorial Candlelight Service, Sunday at 10 a.m. The special service honored the thousands who died last week in the terrorist attacks.

"Acts of violence are difficult to comprehend," a flyer hung up in the residence halls by Residential Life reads. "They can bring powerful feelings and opinions to the surface and may exaggerate existing divisions between people of different politics, cultures or national origins," it says.

Residential Life encourages students to remember that regardless of which individuals may be presumed responsible for Tuesday's events, they do not represent all the members of that group.

Tuesday's events are obviously a tragedy, WSC class of 2001 graduate Megan Meehan said. "It's amazing how close it feels to home."

"I wish there was more we could do," senior education major Justine Young said.

Passport

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Bradford. This year around 200 students have already become involved and we are trying to make students more aware of the Passport to Adventure, said Bradford.

"My personal goal is to have 100 students complete the Passport to Adventure," said Bradford. I am okay if students don't complete all of the adventure activities as long as they participated and became involved, she said.

"There are a lot of opportunities to be able to reach the goal," said Bradford.

Passport to Adventure encourages all of the faculty and administration to get involved on campus, said Bradford.

Events that are not listed as part of the program should not be ruled out because most anything that gets students involved on campus can be credited on their passports, she said.

Students can contact me at 572-5404 if they want to find out if their event qualifies and I will send someone to stamp your passport, said Bradford.

Passport to Adventure gets students out of the classroom and become more involved with events on campus, said Bradford.

"We have refocused our goal for the RA's efforts in the halls. We have deleted programming and enhanced community building. Community building has always been there, it is just now a bigger priority," said Bradford.

The Residential Advisor's (RA) job has been refocused this year in the sense that they must get 10 residents to attend two campus events a month instead of the RA always planning their own programs, said Bradford.

"The RAs have the option of never planning a program and this encourages RAs to pick programs they would enjoy going to," said Bradford.

The point of this new program is to get "the residents to know each other and to go to the programs offered," said Bradford.

If RAs are not able to get 10 residents to go to two events a month but they are able to get 5 residents to go to 4 different events during the month then they still get credit, she said.

"Some of the RAs are very committed to planning programs but having RAs spend more time getting to know their residents is better than planning events," said Bradford.

In the past RAs have spent time planning events which no one has gone to and if RAs still find it hard to get residents to go to these events they don't need to worry about being in trouble, this is not going to be a "punitive process," said Bradford.

"It will not be the loss of a job for a RA if they aren't able to fulfill their requirements, the focus is on helping them achieve their goal," said Bradford.

"I think it is really hard because not a lot of the students are interested in going to school events when they would rather be going to pizza parties, I don't think that this will work out, they think it is childish," said Melissa Coolbrith, a sophomore RA in Scanlon Hall.

"This is something new to try. I haven't tried it yet so we'll see how it goes," said Melinda Shaw, a senior RA in Davis Hall.

" I think it's a good idea but I don't know how many students will get involved, but it does help you to get to know your RA," said junior Kim Devack. If they offered better events maybe more students would go to them, said Devack.

"I actually think it's a good idea because it unites people on a more personal level," said freshman Lindsey Joska.

" I've had five different RAs and they have had events that no one ever showed up to unless it was a free pizza party. This seems kinda cool but I don't think anyone will show up to this either," said Ryan St. Pierre, a junior at WSC.

"We have refocused our goal for the RA's efforts in the halls. We have deleted programming and enhanced community building. Community building has always been there, it is just now a bigger priority."
-Kathi Bradford
Associate Director of Res. Life

From the Editor's Desk

In the blink of an eye

It had the beginnings of what should have been a great morning. I had spent the night my house, woken up at 8:15, and my mom had made me fresh Belgian waffles for breakfast. My mother and I were leisurely watching the Today show when a disturbing picture came on the screen though, and we realized this would be no ordinary morning. It quickly became morning we would remember for the rest of our lives as we watched with horror the shots o the damage done to the first tower of the World Trade Center, now surrounded by thick smoke, and then as we watched the second plane fly directly into the second tower. It became clear to me that this was no accident; we were under attack.

I am writing this column on the afternoon of September 12, 2001, the day following this horrible act of terrorism. By the time you are actually reading this though, it is Monday, September 17, and almost a week after the attacks. All information I know as I write this is now obsolete. The horrific death counts are probably known and more evidence as to who is responsible may have been discovered. Maybe survivors are still being found in the rubble, and maybe America has bombed someone or some place to obliteration.

By the time this Editor's Desk is available to readers, much will be changed from when I am writing it. I now realize how much things can change in the span of a few minutes. I realize how a morning can go from happy and relaxed, to terrifying, dreadful, and now infamous. As I realize how suddenly things change though, one thing I am confident won't change between today and Monday is how I feel as a result of these terrorist attacks.

As I was driving on Tuesday night, I realized a type of fear had come over me. I wasn't really afraid of terrorists bombing the road I was on. I don't know what I was afraid of. It was just a strange type of fear, something I had never felt before. I then realized how safe and secure I felt in America just this morning, and how there will be a type of fear I live with for quite some time as a result of the attacks. Yes, I will never look at a plane flying overhead the same way again, and yes, I will never get on a plane without remembering this day and what might happen to me. But the main fear I feel is a fear of the unknown. A fear that some day, no one knows when, something will happen again. A fear that comes with knowing that there are people out there who hate America so much, because of our policies, our capitalist system, or our government, that they feel the need to kill thousands of unsuspecting civilians. A fear that comes with the knowledge that there are people out there who dance, laugh, and cheer for joy as a result of the attacks because they despise us so much.

But I don't want to be afraid. I don't want these people to have that affect on me. I am angry at whoever is responsible for these monstrosities. I am angry at their acts and I am angry at how they have affected and altered every American. How one human being could do this to a fellow human being is incomprehensible. And that is what we all are. Take away race, place of origin, language, and religious beliefs, and we are all part of the same species that dominates this earth. And although I want revenge, I also can't put that thought out of my head. That we are all human beings. I know something has to be done and America must remain strong, and no group or country can believe they can attack our country without consequences. I will not be happy though that more, probably civilians, had to lose their lives as well.

And so I will stop sharing my thoughts with you now. You may already be tired of hearing about the attacks and trying to go on with your lives. And go on with our lives we will, but we will never forget this day and how it has altered the face of America. But America will prevail, as it always has, and as the future will show, it always will. No act will ever take away the pride, spirit and strength of the American people.

Laura Cyr
Editor-in-Chief

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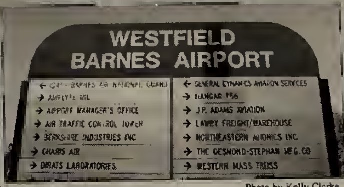
New programs offered at WSC

By Mark Rattelle
Voice Reporter

Aviation and non-profit management certification programs have been added to Westfield State College's list of programs.

With aviation management, the college will offer a new concentration in the aviation field, leading to a bachelor of science degree. The program is designed to provide a foundation of liberal arts, combined with a major in management and a concentration in flight aviation.

Flight courses will be taken at Charis Air Corporation, located at Barnes Municipal Airport. The new program will prepare students for a variety of aviation-related careers. It also qualifies students for general management, as well as aviation management.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Barnes Airport is the location for flight courses that are part of the new aviation management program

Nonprofit management, an American Humanics Certificate program, is intended to prepare and certify students in leadership roles in youth services, human services and other nonprofit organizations.

Nonprofit agencies play an important role in the development and well-being of individuals, families and our communities. American Humanics, Inc., is a national alliance of over eighty universities and nonprofit agencies. It has major alliances with organizations that include the American Red Cross, YMCA, YWCA, Boys and Girls Club of America, Habitat for Humanity and others.

In addition to course work, students will be required to participate in an internship at a nonprofit organization and must attend one AH Management Institute, held on an annual basis by American Humanics. Students will also be members of an AH campus organization whose purpose will be both fellowship and community service.

The purpose of the Management Institute is to expose junior and senior AH students to experiences they will encounter while working in the nonprofit sector. "This program is not just for business majors. It's for everyone. We have ways to work the program with almost every major," Connie Daniel, the Director of American Humanies at Westfield State College, said.

One of the main differences in the two programs is that nonprofit management is free to students, opposed to the fee of approximately $6,900 for aviation training. This fee is for books, a FAA medical exam, a private pilot written exam, examiners fee, aircraft rental and flight instruction.

For more information on aviation management, you can contact Aviation Coordinator, Gary E. Merlo at ex.5590. Also, for more information on the nonprofit certification, call Connie Daniel at ex. 5696.

Abar

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remaining two sections, taught by Professor John Paulmann.

The Communications faculty had been hoping to make the Ely Building more handicapped accessible before Abar's return, Paulmann said. This factor could affect Abar's time of return, he said. Abar is not only missed by faculty, but by students as well.

"I had Dr. Abar for Introduction to Mass Communication," junior English major Courtney Linehan said. "The way he presented himself and his material made his class really unique and interesting. I'm sure Communication students miss him very much."

"I had Dr. Abar for Communication Law and he was a great professor. He made the class interesting and enjoyable," junior Ethan Slavin said.

"Also, I knew him a little bit outside of the class, because he was always at the basketball games," Slavin said. "He was a really nice guy and always seemed to be doing stuff for the community."

Voice of The Week

Barbara Hand

POSITION AT WSC: Secretary and Advisor for the Student Government Association

HOMETOWN: Westfield, MA

FAMILY: Husband, 2 Children, 1 Dog

YEARS AT WSC: 11

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: The Students

LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: The Paperwork

FAVORITE QUOTE: "Laughter matters" Gilda Radner

MOST LIKE TO MEET: Scott Simon from NPR's Weekend Edition

FAVORITE FOOD: Popcorn

HOBBIES: Music (Member of Westfield Festival Chorus & Schola Nova), Gardening, & Tennis

FAVORITE BOOK: To Kill A Mockingbird

FAVORITE SHOW: Judging Amy

QUESTION SHE MOST WANTS ANSWERED: Why don't more students attend campus programs?

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New York

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A DiTech.Com billboard had replaced their usual computerized billboard slogan with two words; "Donate Blood."

Mitch Dancyger, a car salesman in the Bronx, had a cousin who worked in the World Trade Center's Building 1.

She was able to escape just as the second Boeing 757 crashed, but Dancyger did not know his entire family was safe until later that night. "They said that it wasn't terrorism [at first], but I knew better that it was no accident," Dancyger said. "We have to do whatever we have to do no matter who we hurt."

Other residents of New York had similar reactions.

"They have to pay," said William Castillo, a bricklayer with the Local 101 who was five stories up a scaffolding and two blocks away when the first jetliner collided.

Not knowing what it was going to be like in the city, and also having a wild imagination, we asked Castillo what it was going to be like on the other side of the Hudson River.

"Very quiet, very sad," Castillo said.

Castillo was solemn, as he gazed off next to us from the first vantage point we found with a good-enough view to see the smoke, the fire and the hole left where he said a building had just fallen minutes before our arrival. Minutes after that, we began to smell it.

Castillo told us where to go and what bus to take through the Newark area which would connect us with a PATH train, a subway under the Hudson River, from Hoboken into Manhattan.

Getting off the bus at Hoboken Station, a primary path for many New Jersians into Manhattan, during rush hour, would normally mean hitting a sea of people. On September 12, 2001, the station was barren.

"There would normally be people, people, people everywhere," said Dada Dedvukaj, who had come in from Westchester, New York.

Dedvukaj was comforting two crying females with him but took a moment to tell us, in a thick Russian accent, that his nephew Simon has been missing since the crash and still was unfound over 32 hours later.

"It's uneducated barbarians that did this. It's sad... disgusting who did it," Dedvukaj said.

"We need to punish the people that did it. It's unacceptable," he added.

After six hours of searching for a way in we had found one and an hour later we slid through a tunnel across the bay and into the first war zone America has had in over a hundred years.

It didn't much look like one though.

It looked more like a celebration or a parade as we stepped out of the train station and onto the ground of Manhattan for the first time.

We could hear cheering and sirens further down Christopher Street where we came up out of the subways.

It was not a celebration for what happened though, it was a celebration for the heroes that poured out of Lower Manhattan in squad cars, trucks, fire engines and utility vehicles.

Signs that said "You are heroes" and "Thank you, God Bless America" were held up along with American flags.

A corridor of New Yorkers were cheering the people that were saving their friends, family, and neighbors as the rescue workers retreated from the front lines.

Civilians wore respirators on their face and pleaded to be taken in as volunteers to help with the relief effort.

Many were turned away while many more were taken in and put to work moving palettes of water bottles onto carts that would be taken into Lower Manhattan.

We explored some of the surrounding streets and were stopped by the police barrier several times as we looked for a way further into the city. We did not need to get any closer though with the acrid smell stronger than ever. Looking down any street would reveal a smoke illuminated by floodlights and police flashers.

Since learning of the incidents involved in the terrorist bombings and hijackings on Tuesday, I felt that I had to do something. This was too big and ton close to sit at home in front of a TV to learn about it. It became clear to me that I had to go there. I had to see the aftermath for myself.

So do you.

It's easy to say that this is the biggest and most horrible thing that will ever happen in our lifetime. It's another thing to understand why and we do not yet. Repercussions are going to reveal themselves in places we haven't imagined. This is not something that is just going to be seen on TV, it is something that will effect everyone.

I urge every student, teacher, and faculty member to go there as soon as you can. Witness the events for yourself. Ask questions to the people around you and most of all talk about it. Once you see it for yourself, it will be there forever.

The Counseling Center has services available for any student who needs someone to talk to about last Tuesday's tragedies. Please make use of these services. We are here to help all of you through this.

Has the overall quality of the Dining Commons improved since the renovations?

"We like the design."
Holly Schmedding
Undeclared
2004
Michelle Holland
Elementary Education
2004

"No, it looks better, but the food still sucks."
Ethan Hillman
Criminal Justice & Psychology
2003

"No, the food stayed the same but it just got a little more confusing."
Matt Peloquin
Movement Science
2004

"I feel the dining commons food is of the same quality & the soda stands are in an inconvenient spot."
Michael Berman
Communications
2003

"I think it's really confusing and it takes forever to get food."
Emily Higgins
Graphic Deisgn
2003

"I think the dining commons looks rad but the food hasn't changed. Soda rules!"
Scott Toomey
Communications
2003

Westfield State College honors those who were lost in Tuesday's tragic terrorist attacks.

September 11, 2001

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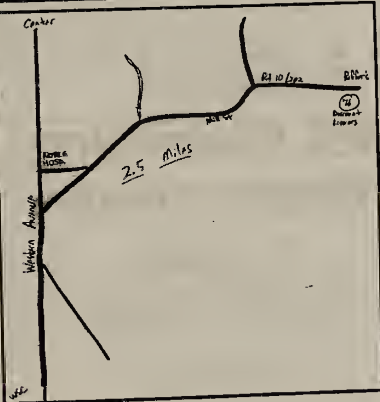

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Killing innocents won't kill America

SERGIO TRONCOSO
NEWSDAY

This one is for the thousands of individuals who died Tuesday. Those innocents. It's hard to write this, to write anything. The fathers and mothers. The children. Brothers and sisters. They died for somebody's idea of a just cause. But you were simply killing innocents; can't you understand that?

The children visiting the top of the World Trade Center were simply looking at the view. The mothers who jumped out of these skyscrapers, in desperation, did not know about your cause and did not care about politics. These innocents who died are America, and those who will mourn them today will rebuild our great city and our great country in their honor.

We don't have a choice but to rebuild and try again to live in this sometimes nightmarish world. In these thousands who died amid an ordinary Tuesday morning that metamorphosed into terror, we have a representation of America.

But that does not mean they bear any individual or collective responsibility for your hate.

You hated them simply because they were a disembodied ``America'' in your mind, an abstract idea, something easy to hate because you had already categorized them into something distant, something you can't or won't touch, something far away you will not have any discourse with. A thing. For you, killing the Twin Towers was killing America. Killing buildings was equivalent to killing people to killing a country. All these ``things'' were the same, in your hate-filled mind, but you were wrong. You have killed innocents. You have killed individuals. But we will rebuild our country, and we will always remember those innocents who died.

What I believe this Tuesday should teach us, if we can still learn anything in our deepest grief and shock, is that our ideas, when we turn them into hateful things, when we categorize innocents into being disembodied entities, these ideas and the minds that latch onto these idea-things for the sake of a warped clarity, are at the root of what is evil. To be human is to engage with, to care about. To be human is to love another. To be human is to communicate with people, even if you are only shouting at them.

The most human of all is discourse. With nature. With other human beings. Even with other ideas. But when you prefer an island of clarity in your mind, when you don't want to be contradicted, when you don't want to defend your actions, then you will turn human beings, innocents, into things. And then it so easy to kill these ``things'' in your mind.

But even if America, · that America of individuals working together, was deeply wounded on this black Tuesday, even if thousands of us died because someone turned us into a thing to hate in his mind, America will not be defeated. We will get up again. We will grieve. We may even hate for a while, too, because our anger has reached unimaginable levels. But we will fight against our hate, we will argue against it, in our own minds, and we will finally put it aside as something at the root of evil, where we do not want to go. And then we will win our fight to be human.

One day in the distant future, one day perhaps far away, we will have a good day when we don't cry any more about those thousands of innocents who died Tuesday. We will never forget them, but we will go on with caring about, loving and arguing with each other. And then, on another clear and sunny day, when we should be taking our children to the park or to visit a famous skyscraper or simply getting them ready for their first week of school, we will be wounded again by someone who has not bothered to escape the idea-things.

And never shall we give up on ourselves. Never. This one is for the thousands of individuals who died Tuesday. I wish I had known every single one of them.

AOL trying to acquire ATT Cable

ALEC KLEIN
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON _ AOL Time Warner Inc. is stepping up efforts to acquire a major stake in AT&T Corp.'s cable system, offering a deal that would give the media giant control of its operations, according to sources familiar with the matter.

Under the terms being discussed, AOL Time Warner would acquire up to 49 percent of AT&T Broadband, the nation's largest cable provider with about 14 million subscribers, they said. The combined cable operations would be spun off into a separate, publicly traded unit, but AOL Time Warner would run it, the sources said.

AT&T's cable system would be combined with AOL Time Warner's No. 2-ranked cable network, which has nearly 13 million subscribers, creating a goliath with about 27 million subscribers and giving it control over about a third of the U.S. cable market. The merged cable system, which would dwarf its competitors and potentially spur other cable combinations, would likely draw close scrutiny from federal regulators.

Eight months after its own hard-fought merger, AOL Time Warner already controls about half the Internet-access market in the United States and big swaths of the publishing, movie and music businesses. Adding AT&T's cable assets to its stable would allow AOL Time Warner to not only reach a broader audience, but to feed it its vast content, including HBO and CNN, and Internet services.

Officials for both companies declined to comment Sunday. Sources said that talks remain fluid as New York-based AT&T contemplates other potential bids.

``Nothing's imminent,'' said a source familiar with the situation.

AT&T's board of directors is expected to meet at the end of next week to mull its bids. In addition to AOL Time Warner, sources said another suitor has come forward with a bid for the cable unit. In July, AT&T rejected an unsolicited stock-swap offer now valued at about $41 billion from Comcast Corp., a Philadelphia-based cable operator with about 9 million subscribers. Other potential suitors are believed to include Cox Communications Inc., Charter Communications Inc., the Walt Disney Co. and Microsoft Corp.

Sources cautioned that even as talks heat up between AOL Time Warner and AT&T that it is in the interests of Ma Bell and those associated with it to drum up as much interest in the cable unit as possible to get the best price for it. Last week, John Malone, chairman of Liberty Media Corp., a major shareholder in AOL Time Warner with close ties to AT&T, hinted at the cable bid at a Liberty investor conference.

Talks between AOL Time Warner and AT&T first came to light in July two weeks after Comcast made its unsolicited bid for the phone company's cable systems. AT&T had planned to spin off its cable operations into a separate company but decided to first explore other offers after Comcast's bid. Wall Street analysts said it would be in AT&T'sinterest to attract additional suitors, if for nothing more than to entice Comcast to raise its offer.

Should AOL Time Warner's bid prevail, the creation of a separate cable company combining the assets of both companies would allow AT&T to own a majority of the joint company, which would protect its shareholders from a big tax bill. AT&T owns 25.5 percent of Time Warner Entertainment, the AOL Time Warner divisionthat holds its cable operations.

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Minorities try to break into segregated sororities

Jeffery A. Gettleman
Los Angeles Times

USCALOOSA, AL A choir girl from the sticks with a quick smile and a rhinestone cross took on "the Machine" _ and the whole state was watching.

Melody Twilley, a junior at the University of Alabama, wanted to be the first black student to get accepted openly by a white sorority in the school's history.

But "the Machine," a shadowy organization of the all-white frater nities and sororities whose influence extends far beyond campus, didn't want to let her in.

At 7:21 Sunday morning, Twilley got a call that creased her heart.

"I'm sorry," her sorority rush counselor told her. "You didn't get asked back."

Her progress through the rush selection process, an important rite of passage at many colleges in the North and South alike, had been closely followed by the university's top officials, civil rights leaders and the vast alumnae network that dominates politics and business in the state.

Administrators, vexed for years by the school's stubbornly segregated social order, tried to boost Twilley's prospects by meeting with her, encouraging white sororities to take her in and lining up important recommendations at several houses.

The issue was especially charged because of Alabama's uncomfortable legacy as the school where segregationist Gov. George C. Wallace made his stand in an auditorium doorway in 1963.

But now that Twilley, the go-getting girl from Camden, AL., has been rejected, there's a certain frustration and fatigue that the university's old image will be reinforced.

"Most students here are not racist at all," English professor Pat Hermann said. "But now we're going to be seen as a racial disaster area."

The University of Alabama is the last college in the South where no openly black student has ever been accepted to a traditionally white fraternity or sorority. A few Latina and Asian American students have been accepted in the recent past, and last year a woman who did not advertise her racial background was picked.

The faculty senate recommended that if the Greek system wouldn't voluntarily integrate, it should be sanctioned and maybe even kicked off campus. Most of the fraternity and sorority houses are on campus-owned land and have subsidized leases.

"God almighty, this is sad," said E. Culpepper Clark, a dean at the university, when he learned that all 15 white sororities had rejected Twilley.

For some black students, the segregation isn't a problem. There are several black social organizations with their own rich traditions, and many black students don't want to be a part of the white system.

On Sunday, Twilley sat in a purple bathrobe crying in her bedroom, though she was reluctant to say that it was bigotry that defeated her.

"I love Alabama and I don't want to think that the best school in the state is racist," she said.

Sorority rush is an intense, turbulent experience for a lot of young women. During the opening weeks of the semester, "rushees," typically freshmen and sophomores, parade from house to house to meet as many sorority sisters as they can. The events are run like cocktail parties, though no alcohol is allowed. Afterward, the sisters of each house (usually 50 to 100 women) discuss candidates they liked and didn't like.

It's very judgmental and arbitrary by design. And it's a spectacle.

On Saturday, hundreds of 18- and 19-year-old women advanced up sorority row in their best sundresses and tallest heels, diamonds twinkling, purses swinging, stomachs churning. A trail of perfume wafted up the sidewalk and curled into the houses, one columned mansion after another. This was the second to last day of rush, when sororities were making their final decisions.

Twilley showed up wearing a simple indigo gown, her rhinestone cross and matching earrings and a set of patent-leather heels.

"I feel good, I feel good," she said as she took her place in front of Alpha Delta Pi, the only house to invite her back for a final round.

"But I'm a little nervous," she allowed.

Twilley was considered the brightest hope in years for integrating the system. She has 3.87 grade point average, sings first soprano in the campus choir and is tall, sparkly and well-mannered. She's young to be a junior 18 years old because she skipped two grades, but she's mature.

"I'm not trying to be the next Rosa Parks," she said. "I'm just rushing because I think it would be fun to be a sorority girl. I like the idea of sisterhood."

About 20 percent of the University of Alabama is Greek, a typical ratio for a big state school. Through parties, date nights and other activities, the Greek system has evolved as an institution valued for its role in matching people with their future spouses. It's also a networking opportunity in a state that many students never leave.

Twilley rushed last year but didn't get past the second round; 83 percent of women who rush get into a house.

Her race didn't come up until months later, when the local newspaper reported that a well-qualified black woman was rejected by all houses.

The situation is similar for fraternities, which also are finishing up the rush process this week. No black man has ever been accepted by any of the school's 21 white fraternities.

Twilley says she's comfortable in a white world. She grew up in a predominantly black town in woodsy, remote Wilcox County. When she was 15, she was accepted to a prestigious math and science school in Mobile, Ala., that's 90 percent white. There she won several awards and was chosen to give the graduation speech.

When a reporter stopped by the house to ask why she was voted down, several young women shooed him away.

Hermann, the English professor, and several administrators said it was the work of the Machine.

"The Machine is completely behind this," Hermann said. "They put the word out that any sorority that accepted a black girl wouldn't get invited to parties."

The Machine is a mysterious, ethereal force on campus. No one knows exactly who's in it, but it's run by representatives from the most exclusive white fraternities and sororities, several people said. The University of Alabama Machine controls student government and Machine-backed candidates have won 14 of the last 15 elections for president. Its power lasts. Gov. Donald Siegelman is a product of the machine. So are several congressmen, state representatives and prominent business people in the state.

The university enrolled its first black students in 1963, and has made great strides in race relations. It's 19,000-member student body is 15 percent black among the highest of Alabama's state schools its size. And black students have risen to powerful positions in campus organizations, such as the student paper, which named its first black editor last year.

There remains a tiny chance Twilley still could get into a sorority, if enough other women decline offers to join and a house needs another member. But she's making her own plans.

"What if I started a new sorority next year where everybody would have to wear pillowcases over their heads during rush?" she said. "It may look funny. And maybe the other houses wouldn't like it. But you would get picked not by how you looked, but by who you are."

Unemployment jump may be chilling signal for economy

Peter G. Gosselin
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON _ It's an event that many Americans feared would happen and that experts say could knock the nation off its delicate economic balance and into recession.

Friday's announcement of a sudden jump in joblessness ends almost a year during which the country's widely watched unemployment rate remained eerily low, even as one major employer after another ordered large layoffs. Analysts worry the change will rattle consumers who have been the economy's lifeline in recent months and will end their dogged purchase of everything from houses to health care.

The jump from 4.5 percent in July to 4.9 percent in August was the biggest one-month rise in unemployment since the mid-1990s. "The magnitude of the change is the big concern," said Terry A. Hueneke, executive vice president of Manpower Inc., a huge Milwaukee-based temporary staffing firm. "An increase of this size is the sort of thing people notice. It could have a serious negative impact on consumers."

There are already signs that it was having that effect, as new statistics show automobile and retail sales slipped late this summer.

To be sure, consumption cutbacks, if they occur, are unlikely to be precipitous. After all, even at 4.9 percent, unemployment is still well below its historical average. Some analysts think the new rate was miscalulated and will be reduced in coming months. And conventional theory considers the jobless rate a "lagging" indicator, which means it tends to rise toward the end, rather than the beginning, of economic downturns.

The interplay of economic forces seems to be different this time around edgier, with more riding on minute-to-minute swings of the stock market; more entwined, with events on the other side of the world rippling into ordinary Americans' lives almost instantly; harder to sort out cause and effect.

In the case of unemployment, analysts fear the new jobless numbers will convince ordinary Americans that what most have treated as little more than a pause in economic growth may be something more durable and dangerous.

"The psychology is beginning to change," said Mark A. Zandi, chief economist of the West Chester, PA., research firm Economy.com. "People have been acting like the slowdown was a blip. Now, they're starting to think this could last for a while" and they had better prepare by reducing their spending.

To the extent that people treat the unemployment rate as a barometer of economic uncertainty, there is some reason to think they should have begun to trim their spending earlier. That is because up until now it's likely the rate has understated the true dimensions of job loss, analysts said.

In contrast to some other periods of economic slowdown, a substantial fraction of workers has been reacting to the economy's current weakness by dropping out of the labor force when they were laid off and couldn't find a new job. Their departure reduced the number of people working, but it also removed them from the unemployment calculations.

Analysts said the trend helps explain how the jobless rate managed to stay so stable and low in the face of layoffs. But it may also have helped lull people into a false sense of security, a conviction that whatever cutbacks companies were announcing were not translating into an overall economic decline.

"It's meant the unemployment rate is not as good an indicator of economic pain as it used to be," said Manpower's Hueneke. He said that had workers not dropped out of the work force at a faster-than-usual pace, the official jobless rate would be about 6 percent, rather than about 5 percent. Others have estimated the number of people counted as unemployed would be more than 8 million, rather than 6.96 million, the official number.

Some analysts have argued that as job losses remain concentrated in the nation's manufacturing and high-tech sectors, there is little danger to the economy as a whole. They took solace from last week's employment statistics, which showed factory employers accounting for by far the largest portion of the nation's job losses.

"Basically what we have here is a manufacturing recession. There is not a lot of evidence it's spreading," said Martin N. Baily, who served as former President Clinton's chief economic advisor and is now with the Institute for International Economics, a Washington think tank.

There are nevertheless signs that other sectors of the job market are flagging, and that hopes of dodging further serious trouble may be misplaced.

Although the nation's huge service sector has continued to add workers, it has been doing so at an increasingly slower pace. Over the last five months, service employment growth has been running at less than one-tenth the monthly rate of the last two years.

Even the computer service industry, which had avoided until now the problems afflicting the rest of the high-tech sector, shed jobs last month for the first time since records have been kept. Unemployment among college-educated, white-collar workers outside of the high-tech industry appears to be on the rise.

In addition, polls tracking consumer attitudes suggest that many Americans remain substantially more optimistic about job prospects than employers' own hiring plans suggest people should be.

For example, polls by the University of Michigan found that more than half of Americans thought unemployment would remain the same or decline in the coming months, and substantial majorities thought the chances they would lose their jobs were less than one in four. But a recent Manpower survey of 16,000 U.S. firms showed that 60% expect to add no new workers in the next three months and another 11 percent plan layoffs.

When the economy was hot, "employers had a hard time finding workers, so they've been reluctant to let them go," Hueneke said. But with the economic slowdown now almost a year old, he added, that reluctance "is eroding."

What now worries many analysts is a return of the kind of anxiety that pervaded the U.S. work force in the wake of the early 1990s recession, when even well-educated workers with substantial purchasing power feared for their jobs.

"That was a time when white-collar workers were hit in a way they hadn't been hit before," said Lawrence Mishel, vice president of the Washington-based Economic Policy Institute. Almost a decade of low unemployment was needed for such fears to dissipate, he said.

But with the jobless rate now climbing again, such concerns and with them, a reluctance to spend could easily return.

"It's like picking a scab," Mishel said. "It's not going to help things."

The Cut

CHRIS WARD

"Accepted authority rests first of all on reason." de Saint-Exupery, "The Little Prince"

Alright. One of my roomates goes out and buys whatever, say butter, bread, and salt. He then comes home and tells each one of us what we owe. While there is still personal property here, we live under common groundrules. A basically communal existence. Lending some credence, however slight, to "democratic" socialism. But I don't know, I still dig small backpacks. How ironic that it was Engel's family business, a capitalist endeavour, which enabled Engels to care for himself and the family of Marx after his death. I read that on the can. Some people eat while on the can. Yes.

Did you cats check out "Band of Brothers" on HBO Sunday night? It was more than the male bonding room expected and we expected a lot. Know what we need? I mean besides another "Getcher freakon" remix, ...electric dog polishers. "Nothin' says lovin' like a "Shiny Kote" dog." Hey know what my nephew Cameron can do? He can stand and pull himself along on two feet while hanging on to the dishwasher door. AOL is offering 1000 free hours*....*for 45 days. You would have to be online for 22.2 hours a day to use that. Whattup Taj... This has been an ADHD paragraph. There's more.

> **"Know what we need? I mean besides another 'Getcher freakon' remix,... electric dog polishers. 'Nothin says lovin' like a 'Shiny Kote' dog."**

C.L.R. James wrote that "The official opinions of a very substantial organized body in the United States revolve around the thesis of the freedom of the individual...and free association." Also, that "...the United States has created so huge an apparatus of ...institutions...that the freedom of the individual, except in the most abstract terms, does not exist." So therefore, that "...the state actually proposes now no longer freedom but security..." (Well THAT dog just won't hunt...Thank goodness for George W. Bush.) James, a Carribean native, was subsequently forcefully deported from the U.S. in 1953.

On September 11, 2001, I listened to the car radio a while until the enormity tried to hit me. I'd seen the second tower go down on live TV with everybody else. Then I went to the park with my peace, and was subsequently shirtless on the grass. Grabbed some sun. I'd known that lotsa people do not like us for some time. I feel that exhuberant Palestinian children footage was not in good taste. Eat Snacky Smores.

This is not a quiet campus. This morning I awoke at 8:30... okay I don't feel the hearts a-breakin'... to the lawn people spraying the dirt around the apartments. ...No it's cool though because at least the grass will grow with the footpaths already in place. We tried, couldn't do a thing about dumpster's noise last year. Later are the Bobcats for moving piles of leaves and in winter come the plows. Here's the Mantra, damn your hides..."Drink your beer and smoke your pot/down in the Kmart parkin lot/floppin' at some floozie's spot/in winter come the plows (in winter come the plows!)." Now at 6am. try it. Meeko when you read this gimme a butt. There is a "33" on the back of Rolling Rock bottles. Mr. Rogers, from Latrobe Pa., just completed 33 years in broadcasting, and Rolling Rock is brewed in Latrobe, PA. Let me know something messed up at Seamus2003@ Yahoo.com. Gimme the dirt, too. Miss Cleo wants you to.

Free Live Music! The annual Fall Concert Fest is on Saturday night, Sep. 22nd (write this on your dry-erase board) on the campus green, 2-6pm. Local talent like Flying Lessons (got their CD) Traveling Matt (won our Battle of the Bands a few years back) and Berman's new thing Clarias, jazz tip foyoass. Chill to the nice music on a blanket, and smile. Our apartment floor is impossible to keep clean, so we're gonna wax it. Some drunk is definitely gonna slip 'n take a dinger off it waxed plus spilled beer, though. Probably me. It's only disappointment, there'll be others. Peace and balance.

C. Ward is a Voice Columnist

Kevin's Korner

KEVIN HEATON

Greetings Wesffield State, and I hope everyone had a great summer! I missed writing for the Voice last semester and am glad to start again. I intend to make this a liberal-minded column with a voice for students, like myself, who are frustrated with the bureaucracy of this school. I would like to start by describing my experience with SGA last year.

I was disappointed by how reluctant SGA was to take stands on issues. Not once did I hear anything about the teacher contract negotiations or about an increase in library hours. It is no surprise that many students are not inclined to get involved.

What I did observe was almost automatic approval of proposals put forth by the administration. All this does is simply put, on paper, that consequences for possessing "illegal" items, drinking and other policy violations were "approved."

While SGA may think that they are encouraging student involvement, they are not. They could be doing so much more, if they were willing to actually tackle some issues at their meetings. Instead, the meetings are mostly a robot-like following of Robert's rules. One can only hope that this year will be different.

You would think something would have been done to clean up the Campus Green before school started. I wonder how the freshmen felt when they first arrived here and saw the front of the campus center all blocked off! This isn't a good way to make a first impression. Or were they too busy planning campus events? Not!! The first week was fun, but why can't we have those types of activities all year?

It's too bad that the College spent so much money on renovating the Dining Commons, and didn't make the food any better! You'd think they'd want to improve the food quality first. I guess they only care about making it look good. How about making the academic buildings and dorms "look good" by putting elevators in all of them? The sad fact is that the Administration can easily turn a cold shoulder to the elevator issue, since most students don't need them. Even though federal law requires them, the College can easily say that they don't have the funds, or whatever. Most students who did need them would, likely, attend another school.

In closing, I hope everyone has a good year, as boring as it is here! At least the College is in driving distance of UMASS and Northampton...Hint to CAB! If anyone has suggestions or comments, I can be reached at Kevwsc@hotmail.com.

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Student Expresses Dismay at Coach's Decision to Practice

To the faculty and student body of Westfield State College:

Today, Septenber 11, 2001, will surely go down as one of the worst days in the history of the United States of America. On a day in which our country was a victim to numerous terrorists' acts, we unfortunately had the time to reflect on what is right with this world and what is wrong. The first thing I had heard all day was around 10 a.m., when I was informed that classes were cancelled for the day. I immediately figured that there was a death on campus, and out of respect for that person, the college would cancel activities for the rest of the afternoon. When I turned on the TV, I found out I was way off. It wasn't just one person, it was thousands of people. Never before had I been affected so much by something like this. I honestly didn't feel that I would be able to make it through anything I had to do for the rest of the day. I was in a total state of shock.

When I heard that classes were cancelled for the day, it didn't even phase me. I didn't give the typical college kid response of "yesssss" and walk away. Something just hit me when I heard the news. The fact that somebody could do this made my heart drop to the bottom of my stomach with disbelief, and made me think how awful this world can be.

I felt that Westfield State College made all the appropriate decisions. The administration did the right thing by shutting down the college and giving students the time to reflect on what had happened and pay our respect to the men and women who we have lost in this mess. The student body needed time to mourn.

Normally when you shut down classes, most of the extracurricular activities are cancelled along with it. I myself am a member of the football team at the college, and even though we have a game this week, football was the farthest thing from my mind today. If we did have practice today, I don't think I would have been able to go through it. All the coaches at this school showed their class, and the respect that they have for the people we lost and the country that we live in. That is, all but one...

As I walked out to the Dining Commons this evening, I saw a group of about twenty young men taking their daily walk down to the athletic field, and I was outraged. I was shocked to see that on a day like today, the men's soccer team was forced to practice. How could this be possible? Apparently the Soccer team's coaching staff didn't even stop to think about his players' mindset on this day. He was too concerned with getting ready for his team's next game versus Williams College on Wednesday. Even if it was a light day or a walk-through practice, it is still unacceptable to have practice on such a day. The athletes needed time to mourn, a time to pause, and a time to pay their respects to the innocent people who lost their lives today. Out of respect for everyone involved, directly and indirectly, the men's soccer coach should have given his team the day off.

If sports are so important, then why was the soccer team the only one to practice? If the world really believes that sports are that important, then why did major league baseball postpone every game on the schedule for the first time since 1945 when President Roosevelt died? If you're still not convinced that they shouldn't have had practice, then why is the NFL still pondering postponing all of their games on Sunday? Athletes aren't the world's heroes. Rather, the real heros are the 200 plus firefighters and police officers who lost their lives. These people are who we should he thinking about, not a simple game.

On a day that the U.S. lost thousands of peoples lives, is going to soccer practice really that important? Is it necessary to have your team workout and keep their minds on soccer, when that is the last place that their thoughts should be? You think about it and maybe you could ask the coaching staff if soccer is really that important.

Brian Mazzone
2003

Life (according to me).

JON SEWELL

By the time yoo read this, the horrible day of the terrorist attacks upon the United States will be a week past. By the time yoo read this, the confirmed death toll will probably have reached the thousands. And I fear that by the time you read this, even more senseless bloodshed will have taken place.

Like everyone else, I spent most of my day glued to the television. Finally, I had to get away, and took a walk to Stanley Park with some friends. I wanted to clear my head, and get my jumbled thoughts in order. As I walked through campus, down Western Ave, and across Stanley, I was amazed at just how normal the day seemed. It was bewildering to think that I could jump in a car, drive for three hours, and suddenly be in the middle of the most horrific scene that I would probably ever experience. The sky in New York would be clouded with dark smoke and debris. Here it was gorgeous out, the sun shining bright. In New York, there would be the constant din of sirens and crackling flames, but in Stanley, I could hear the small stream gently flowing. In New York I would see a swarm of people: weary policeman, exhausted firefighters, and soot-covered, bleeding citizens. Here the park was quiet and serene, with people playing catch, throwing around a Frisbee, chatting on cell phones, and rollerblading. At first I was angered by the sight of these people, infuriated that they could be happily engaged in idle pursuits on such a tragic day. I quickly reminded myself, though, that they were in all likelihood much like me, simply needing a break from the media barrage, a time to appreciate the friends that were safely beside them.

I obviously knew that a horrible tragedy had taken place. But suddenly I realized that up until that point, the whole thing had seemed surreal. I suddenly remembered that I had visited the very monuments that now lay smoldering. I had walked on the same sidewalks that were now littered with bodies. The twin towers, that I had looked up at in awe when I was young, and in appreciation just months ago, were now wastelands of death. I remembered talking to policeman in that area, asking for directions or just nodding hello. Were those their specified beats? Were these same police who's faces I could remember, now among the missing? Were the businessmen who brushed past me into the towers now among the dead?

People want someone to pay for these terrible acts. I understand this impulse. It was my immediate reaction. But after a day and a half of constant images from New York and Washington, I've placed retaliation at the bottom of my priority list. Instead of speculating on who's responsible, or letting hate consume us, let's concentrate our efforts on helping those we can, and praying for the families of those we cannot. In the past day and a half, I've heard far too many hate filled comments regarding people of Middle Eastern descent. I heard a faculty member today exclaim that "the <explicative> bastards should burn," I've heard "towel-heads" several times over. A girl was heard saying that we should go over there and kill them all, including the children seen dancing in the streets. The radio shows today discussed the potential for violence against Muslim citizens.

> **"The thing is, little children in New York and Washington don't care about sending a message. They don't care about the nation's prestige. They just want their mommies and daddies back."**

We do not need this. We do not need a war. We do not need more bloodshed. And most of all, we don't need more hate. If it would mean that less children would be without their parents, if less parents would be without their spouses, then I would just as well let the terrorists escape. Yeah, I know. We need to show the world that the United States does not back down. We need to send a message to would-be terrorists everywhere. Intellectually, I know this. But honestly, I'm tired. I feel almost drunk off the images being thrown at me. The thing is, little children in New York and Washington don't care about sending a clear message. They don't care about the nation's prestige. They just want their mommies and daddies back.

I suppose that by the time yoo read this, it'll be old news. You'll probably all be sick of hearing about it. Our intelligence agencies will have determined who was to blame, our military will have struck, and the US will have it's rightful revenge.

And even more civilians, this time on the other side of the world, will be dead. More children will be mourning the deaths of their parents.

But who the hell cares, right? We need to administer "justice", right? After all, they're ALL responsible. Right?

Or maybe I'm just getting cynical.

J. Sewell is a Voice columnist

Death Penalty in Decline

Editorial Staff
Washington Post

The marked drop in executions during the past two years is cause for some cheer among opponents of the death penalty. In 1999, 98 persons were put to death; so far this year 48 have been executed, with another 14 scheduled to die. The decline, which began nationally in 2000, is particularly notable in states that had been the most active executioners. Texas, which executed 40 persons last year, has executed only 12 in 2001, with six more scheduled to die. Virginia, which executed 14 in 1999 and eight last year, has killed one and plans one more execution in 2001.

Part of the drop can be explained by the morbid demographics of death row. Before Congress and the courts curtailed federal court review of state convictions, death cases took long periods of time to reach executions, and a backlog of cases developed. Once Congress gave states the green light in 1996, however, the more aggressive death penalty states began clearing that backlog, creating a spike in the number of executions. To some extent, the current decline reflects the natural drop following that spike. But other, more encouraging factors are also at work. After the exoneration of several death row inmates, judges in several states appear to be examining cases more carefully. In addition, fewer death sentences are being handed down, a function of abolition of parole by a number of states and the consequent ability of jurors to ensure that a sentence of life in prison means what it says.

These are encouraging trends. They are also reversible. The past few years have seen a remarkable drop in crime, which, in combination with the DNA exonerations, has helped change public attitudes toward the criminal justice system. A rise in the crime rate could just as quickly cause renewed support for capital punishment and make it harder for judges, particularly elected judges, to take the kind of care with cases that the current climate permits. The number of people put to death could rise again just as quickly as it is now dropping. That's why systemic reform is crucial. Proposals at the federal and state level to make the application of the death penalty fairer and more judicious could help lock in the current, more cautious attitude toward capital punishment and enshrine it in law. These reforms would ensure decent legal representation for capital defendants and post-conviction review robust enough to catch errors. Capital punishment wouldn't become fair or foolproof or, in our view, morally defensible. But the risk to the innocent would decline.

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MTG nourishes the creative spirit

By Christina Mullin
Voice Reporter

Since her freshman year, senior Jen Hines has been actively involved in the Musical Theatre Guild.

"Musical Theatre Guild has been my favorite college experience since I was a freshman," she said. "It's a great group of people. I encourage people to go out for it."

Creativity and skill matter when it comes to Musical Theatre Guild productions.

Each semester the Musical Theatre Guild (MTG) performs a production. This semester the SGA-funded club will perform "Fiddler on the Roof," December 6,7 and 8 in Dever Auditorium.

Dan Cassidy, MTG's president and director of "Fiddler on the Roof," said he has formed many friendships offstage. "I like to be onstage to create and show what I've been working hard on all semester," he said.

Membership in MTG is an opportunity to get involved in productions and possibly to act after graduation, Cassidy said. WSC alumni Jennifer LaFleur and Bob Antonelli were two out of the ten first year graduate students selected for Brandeis' Theatre graduate program.

Many Westfield State College alumni are still active in MTG productions, Cassidy said.

The executive board consists of seven members elected each year by the members of MTG. The board elects the director of each show every semester. The board is responsible for financial and administrative aspects of the club as well.

The director chooses a show and selects the cast after two or three auditions. Cast is also needed to help with lights and backstage, Cassidy said.

Past MTG shows consist of Fame, Grease, Damn Yankees, Best Little Whore House in Texas, Music Man and Children of Eden.

If you are interested in learning more about the Musical Theatre Guild, please contact Dan Cassidy at 568-2053.

Memento will leave you thinking... and wanting more.

Jeff Bordin
A&E Contributor

Why hasn't anyone heard of this movie, "Memento"? The movie was released in March to only select theaters and while masses of people headed off to waste their time watching Hollywood garbage, people who caught this movie (now on video) were in for a real treat.

Starring Guy Pearce as Leonard Shelby, this movie is about a man on a mission to find and kill the man who raped and murdered his wife. He's also a man with a problem. He suffers from a rare and untreatable form of memory loss. Leonard knows who he is and remembers everything up to his wife's murder. He can not create new memories though. He can't remember people he has met, places he's been or things he's done even fifteen minutes ago.

-File Photo

To aid him on his quest to find his wife's killer, he scribbles notes and keeps photos in his pocket. He also has tattoos of the most important information all over his body. He can trust people only by the notes he leaves for himself.

Nothing is what it seems in this movie. Characters he has trusted turn out to be duplictious, those who seemed dangerous could well be friends.

Another interesting aspect about this film is that it starts from the end and moves backwards. Each scene is made clear by the one that follows. Because of this, you really have to think. I hope that doesn't scare people. Trust me, all this thinking is good for you.

I felt that this movie did not recieve the attention it deserves. Maybe if it had more scenes where the main character gets down and humps an apple pie, people might like it. You won't find that here. This is the kind of movie that throws you for a complete loop leaving you wanting to see it again just to make sense of it all. It's intelligent film making and hopeful today's film makers will take a lesson from director Christophar Nolan.

I recommend checking this movie out. Don't you want to know if a guy with no memory can actually catch the man who killed his wife?

Striking Back with gross humor

Jessica Norden
Asst. A&E Editor

For all you Kevin Smith fans, the final Jay and Silent Bob movie is here. This is the fifth and last movie written, directed, and starring Kevin Smith, featuring the characters Jay and Silent Bob, played by Jason Mewes and Smith.

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For this movie, Smith brings back characters from his first three movies and features cameos by Mark Hamill, George Carlin, Will Ferrell and Carrie Fisher.

In *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back*, Jay and Silent Bob discover that their comic book alter egos, Bluntman and Chronic, are going to be made into a movie. After discovering on the Internet that people are bashing them and their characters, they decide to go to Hollywood to stop the filming of the movie, and to demand that they get the benefits they are entitled to, due to the use of their likenesses for the characters.

The road trip to Hollywood consists of the two hitchhiking and meeting up with a an uptight nun (Fisher), a group of jewel thieves (one who is played by American Pie's Shannon Elizabeth), and a forest ranger (hysterically played by Saturday Night Live's Will Ferrell) who is after them due to the false kidnapping of an orangutang named Suzanne.

Jay and Silent Bob eventually reach Hollywood where they encounter the actors portraying them (James Van Der Beek and Jason Biggs), the director of the movie (Chris Rock), one of the movie's stars (Hamill), and one of the creators of Bluntman and Chronic (Jason Lee). In the end, Jay and Silent Bob obtain their benefits and spend it on...well, I'll just let you see that part for yourself.

This movie wouldn't have been nearly as good as Smith's last four movies if there were not any references to his past movies in addition to the cast of characters from the past movies as well.

Ben Affleck and Matt Damon give great cameos as themselves, and Affleck also appears as his character Holden McNeil from Chasing Amy, who teaches Jay and Silent Bob about the Internet.

Jason Mewes' character was better than ever with his foul-mouthed humor and references to his "heterosexual life partner," Silent Bob. Smith as Silent Bob is hilarious with his "outbursts" of rage and often helpful advice to either Jay or another character.

Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back was a terrific ending to a series of movies that many people find funny and entertaining. Seriously though, even if you haven't seen any of the other Kevin Smith movies, this movie is extremely funny and the jokes and references from other movies are easy to comprehend, which is great if you want to see a movie with crude humor, gross jokes and bad language. Take my advice, it's a great movie and definitely worth the money.

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Ask Hootz?

What kind of Column is this?

Hi! We're students of the Westfield State College Campus Voice and we're here to answer your questions! Submit various questions about roommates, relationships, sex and family etc, and we'll do the research to get some answers as well as provide our own advice! The best part about this column is that your questions will remain anonymous. Please submit questions in the personals box located in the Ely campus center- two questions will be selected at random each week.

Q:
I just broke up with my boyfriend of 6 months about two weeks ago. I am not myself and can't seem to pick myself up again and be happy meeting people. What should I do to help me get over the sadness and loss I feel?

A:
Being without that person for two weeks that you've been with for 6 months isn't that long. Give yourself time. Good things happen when you are least expecting it. So we suggest get out with friends or ask your roommate if you could tag along with them no matter how you feel. Meeting people and simple socializing will be distracting enough to get your mind off the person you miss. Meeting people relieves the loss you are feeling as a result of your breakup. If time and socialization does not help with your broken heart, the only advice we can give is to rely solely on time. One more thing, we're sure there is someone better out there for you, so strut your stuff!

To The Fallen

You could have been my uncle, my father or grand-dad
You fought that blazing fire, to save your lost comrade
But that hellish place,
Took you all too soon.
And now the nation grieves
For you who fought that doom.
To save another person, you gave your life instead.
Leaving the rest to wonder, what was going through your head.
Never thinking of yourself, only those who would be lost.
You gave your life with honor, paid the ultimate cost.
You could have been my brother; you could have been a friend.
You fought that burning pyre,
Heroes til' the end.

-Christina T. Mullin

The Three

CHRIS PIENO

The following is Chapter One of a story written by Chris Pineo. Each week a new chapter of the story will appear in the A&E section of the Campus Voice.

"Are you telling me that the only contacts I'm allowed to use are those included in this list?" With that I slammed my fist down on his desk.

"Are we in the business of reporting factual news here? Or did I get in my car this morning, drive the same monotone commute I've made for the past three years, and end up at the wrong place?" Tom responded, in his crinkly old snoot accent.

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"So... Deviation from 'the list' is prohibited, and your threatening me?"

"Do I make myself clear?"

Wasn't he a reporter at one time? Didn't he know about bending the rules, crossing a few lines, and coming up with the truth? At this point, I wanted to punch him. Instead, I pressed the advantage that his previous statement afforded me. I also made sure to use his middle name, which carried with it the likelihood of his becoming visibly pissed off.

"Gene I have two words for you, my attorney. You'll be hearing from him if you even come close to another inference like that, OK, so have a good day."

Thomas Gene Walden, was Editor in Chief at "The Informant," and had been ever since Sphinx Enterprises bought out all the major newspapers in the Metropolitan area, in 2002 (come to think of it the whole state). Tom was casually referred to as Tom 'Balls to the wall' Walden. I never called him that and I have no idea were he acquired it. In the time I'd worked with him he had never seemed particularly, or at all, ambitious. In fact in the time I had worked for him he had been this longwinded gelatinous mass of ineptitude. I had gone toe to toe with the old 'walrus' as I called him, many times but this had to be the worst.

I had been working late the week before, (which the walrus frowned upon for God knows what reason) on a new lead I had acquired about a senator from Wisconsin who had been seen taking bribes in the Big Apple the previous day. A free lance photographer had sold me pictures of the whole thing not an hour after the incident. The story didn't seem to make any sense, so I set it aside and went on my way. On the way down the hall I noticed one of the lights blinking in an office to my left.

This was odd because the maintenance computer usually shuts down all nonessential power in the building. The maintenance computer had left the hallway lights operating in my section and usually never made mistakes like that. This struck me as odd. It also opened new avenues for the paranoia of my mind to frolic. While it was impossible for the computer to consciously know that I was here, someone else did. The impression that your being watched becomes far more disturbing when you realize that whoever's doing it has access to equipment in the building where you are employed.

Check out next week's paper for Chapter Two.

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Football Rallies Past Rival WNEC

WESTFIELD, Mass. - Senior Shawn Lyman of West Springfield rushed for 112 yards and 31 carries and scored two touchdowns, including the game-winning score with 2:58 remaining, to lift Westfield State College to a thrilling 20-13 come-from-behind victory over Western New England College.

The season opener for both New England Football Conference teams was played in front of a crowd estimated at more than 3,000 at a noisy Alumni Field.

Trailing 13-12, the Owls took over on their own 10-yard line with 7:26 remaining and drove 90 yards in 12 plays, capped by a three-yard touchdown run by Lyman. Freshman reserve running back Don Jones of Springfield rushed for 53 yards on six carries during the game-winning drive, and an 18-yard pass to tight end Brian Matuszo (South Deerfield) from quarterback Chris Lapointe (Millers Falls) to the three-yard line set up the game-winning score.

Two outstanding touchdown runs by senior standout Marvin Langley led Western New England to its 13-12 fourth-quarter lead. Langley busted off a 69-yard run midway through the second quarter as the Bears closed to within six, 12-6. The Lewistown, Me., native then ripped off a sensational 84-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter that featured several cutbacks and his outstanding speed. Loren Estabrook's successful PAT gave WNEC the lead.

Langley was contained by Westfield for most of the game, however. He finished with 155 net yards rushing on 12 carries in becoming WNEC's all-time leading rusher with 2,858 yards. WNEC had 201 total offensive yards in the game, with 153 coming on Langley's long TD jaunts, and just five first downs.

"It was a big victory for us," said Lyman. "We kept hearing all week about Marvin Langley but our defense played well as did our offensive line."

Westfield took a 6-0 lead early in the game on a six-yard run by Lyman. The Owls led 12-0 early in the second quarter when David Eaton's 35-yard touchdown reception capped an 11-play, 96-yard drive.

Lapuinte, a sophomore transfer from Central Connecticut State, completed 11 of 27 passes for 147 yards in his debut with Westfield State.

Also playing well in his first college game was junior linebacker Josue Zamora, who was named to the NEFC weekly honor roll as he led the Owls' fierce defensive charge with eight tackles and a sack.

Senior tackle Derek Jeppe posted 10 tackles. Sophomore linebacker Mike Hurteau and sophomore tackle Stevie Faniel both recorded seven tackles. End John Cloutier had six stops, including three for losses and a sack.

Field Hockey Edged In OT

RPI 2 - Westfield 1, Overtime

WESTFIELD - Rensselaer (RPI) survived an upset bid by rallying for a 2-1 overtime victory over Westfield State.

Westfield sophomore Renee Gahan scored late in the first half off a penalty corner. RPI tied the score with 20 minutes left in regulation, then clinched the victory on Jessica Butler's goal with 2:56 left in overtime.

RPI improved to 3-0 and Westfield dropped to 0-2. The Owls' home game scheduled for last Tuesday vs. WNEC was cancelled.

Women's Soccer Blanks Elms

Westfield State 6 - Elms 0

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State College women's soccer team won its first game of the season by blanking an undermanned Elms College, 6-0, in the Owls' home opener on Wednesday, Sept. 12.

The Owls struck quickly by scoring two goals in the first six minutes, and led 4-0 at halftime. Junior Janet Bourget of Holden - the Mass. State Conference Player of the Year last season - scored two unassisted goals in the first half.

Also scoring were: senior Joy Flaherty, freshman Katie O'Brien, freshman Jenn Hendry, and sophomore Erin Reim. Westfield outshot the Blazers, 19-1.

Western Conn. 4 - Westfield 0

DANBURY - Westfield State was shut out for the second straight game as it fell to Western Connecticut, 4-0.

Western Connecticut led 1-0 at halftime, then erupted for three goals in a seven-minute span of the second half.

Westfield State was outshot, 20-3.

Sophomore back Jon Witowski of Ludlow was named to the Mass. State Conference weekly honor roll for scoring the eventual game-winning goal in the men's soccer team's 2-1 victory over Springfield College.

File Photo By Mickey Curtis

Senior setter Sarah Cormier was named to the All-Tournament team at the Coast Guard Volleyball Invitational and also selected to the Mass. State Conference weekly honor roll.

File Photo By Mickey Curtis

Sophomores Lead Men's Soccer Team

Men's Soccer 2 - Springfield 1

WESTFIELD - Sophomor Peter Fager (West Springfield) a Jon Witowski (Ludlow) scored fir half goals to lead the Westfie State College men's soccer team its first victory of the season, a 2 decision over Springfield Colle at Alumni Field.

Assisting on the goals we Garrett O'Connell and Matthe Goncalves. Springfield scored o minute into the second half.

Westfield senior goal D Conway made seven saves.

Williams 7 - Westfield State 0

WILLIAMSTOWN - The Wi liams College men's soccer tea rolled to a 7-0 victory over Westfie State in its home opener on Wedne day, Sept. 12.

Williams - which defeated Di vision I Dartmouth, 4-0, in its se son opener - extended its regul season unbeaten streak to 40 gam (39-0-1).

The Ephs dominated from th outset, and scored their first goal o a penalty kick 13 minutes into th game. They led at halftime 2-0 an tallied another goal early in th second half. The Owls managed t keep the Eph attack in check unt the 69th minute when Williams erupted for three goals in a span o one minute and 11 seconds.

Westfield, 1-2, plays at Eas ern Connecticut Monday, Sept. 1

Owls Finish Third At Volleyball Invit

NEW LONDON, Conn. Westfield State took third place wi a 1-2 record in the Coast Gua Invitational.

The Owls defeated Rhode Is land College 30-27, 30-24, 26-30 30-20. They lost to Tufts 30-7, 30 22, 30-10, and to Coast Guard 31 29, 30-17, 30-23.

Tufts captured the invite by winning all three matches in th round robin tournament. Westfiel senior setter Sarah Cormier wa named to the all tournament team

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The best name will be selected by an Athletics Department committee from the entries. If more than one person suggests the winning name, all the winning entries will be placed in a drawing for the grand prize. Consolation prizes also will be given. The grand prize drawing is scheduled for Family Weekend, Sept. 29.

Comics

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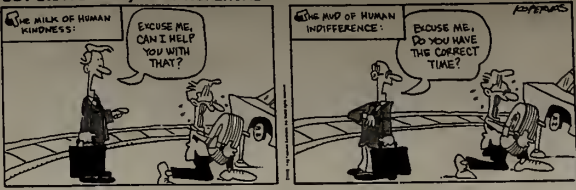
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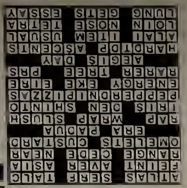
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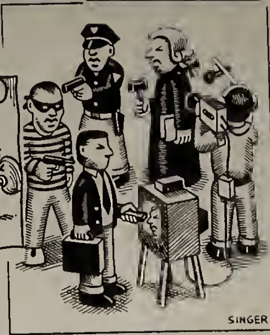

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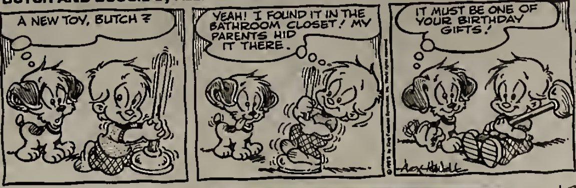
A NEW TOY, BUTCH ?
YEAH! I FOUND IT IN THE BATHROOM CLOSET! MY PARENTS HID IT THERE.
IT MUST BE ONE OF YOUR BIRTHDAY GIFTS!
Alex Howell

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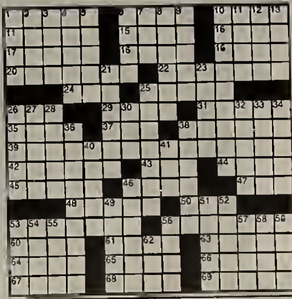
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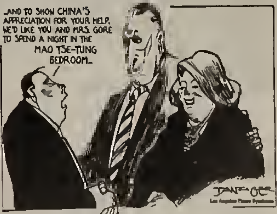
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Personals

IAI= HUGE

IBI= small

M.O. are you sure you're old enough to be in here?

Officer Moore is my hero!

Where are all the punk rock girls?

Lurch, $160 gone to the mystery woman...tax write off.

You're going to let him roam the streets without food, water, and toilet?

Joey C. $5 bucks. What a rip off!!!!

What flavor do you like better, strawberry or raspberry?

My roommate sleeps with a n ice cream sandwhich.

"Don't you know it's illegal to play baseball in your undies?"

My dog ate my girlfriend.

Lammers Hall and it's stupid alarms are driving me crazy!!

I wanna be a football superhero, I wanna drink my weight in beero.

Jen got the flu, Allie got measles, Sara got pink eye and I got Chris.

Subway on Sunday afternoons is the place to be!

Hi Andrea and Courtney!

Have you ever put an Oreo in your portfolio?

Your my love clich'e.

Q: What are you going to do this weekend?
A: Find a girlfriend.

You had a nosering, a blue shirt and a red backback. Our eyes met. You made a face when I farted. I'll never forget our time together.

Scanlon Boys are forming an interest group. Interest in monkeys!

Nora, I'm sorry about the peanutbutter on your wall.

That's funny... I don't feel drunk.

I'm a Freshmen and I don't have any friends. Will you be my friend?

God bless America!

Mr. Bucket is going to rule Davis Hall.

Who are those studs who play wiffle ball on the campus green?.

Am I a nerd?

Once on this Island was a kickass show, congrats everyone in the cast!!

I broke my finger because I was picking my nose and someone punched me in the face.

The party is next to me, right Deanna?

There was nothing to do, nothing to drink, except some old rotten milk someone left in the sink.

Remember when I said I loved you, well forget it I take it back. I was just a stupid kid back then. I take back everything that I said.

Donnie smells like smoke. I thought he quit?

Mark, bring back my underwear this instant!

I parked my car in South Lot on the first day of school and now I can't find it.

We've got Victoria Secret catalogs in our bathroom.

I hope he at least bought you flowers.

Eric, Mike and Todd... you've got no game.

My roommate's name is Wee Todd.

Don't eat the black fish! Don't eat the red fish... but hey, the red fish is greeeeeat!

Noodle Hands.

I'd give you my phone number, but I don't want you to call me.

Does anyone know where I left my cap?

I4DD is not a campus room number!

Emo is not a form of music, it is a heinous disease! Stay away from it.

pimples... pimples...

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events

Mon 9/17	4:00 p.m.	Men's Soccer at Eastern CT	Willimantic, CT
	5:00 p.m.	Trip to Big E	W. Springfield, MA
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Nurse Betty" and "Unbreakable"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Tue 9/18	4:00 p.m.	Field Hockey at Plymouth State	Plymouth, MA
	7:00 p.m.	Volleyball vs. Williams	P-gym
Wed 9/19	4:45 p.m.	CAB	SGA room
	5:30 p.m.	Weekend Programming	SGA room
	6:00 p.m.	Men's Soccer at Keene State	Keene, NH
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Soccer vs. Keene State	Alumni Field
	7:00 p.m.	Jazz Night	E-main lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Vertical Limit"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	"What Women Want"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Thur 9/20	5 p.m.	Trip to Big E	W. Springfield, MA
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Dracula 2000"	Cable Channel 56 &57
	8:00 p.m.	"The Wedding Planner"	Cable Channel 56 &57
	9:00 p.m.	Karaoke Night	E-main lounge
Fri 9/21	5:00 p.m.	Jujitsu Club	E-Wellness Center
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Soccer vs. Fitchburg State	Alumni Field
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Brothers" & "The Mexican"	Cable Channels 56 &57
Sat 9/22	TBA	Men's & Women's Cross Country at Gordon College Invitational	Wenham, MA
	9:30 a.m.	Field Hockey at Worcester Polytechnic Inst.	Worcester, MA
	11:00 a.m.	Volleyball at Mt. Holyoke w/Keene State	S. Hadley, MA
	1:00 -5:00 p.m.	Fall Concert Fest	E-main green
	1:00 p.m.	Trip to Big E	W. Springfield, MA
	1:00 p.m.	Football vs. Mass Maritime	Alumni Field
	6:00 p.m.	Men's Soccer vs. Endicott	Alumni Field
Sun 9/23	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	1:00 p.m.	Trip to Big E	W. Springfield, MA
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium

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Vigil held to pay tribute

WSC community gathers to remember those lost in attack

By Brooke Popielarz
Voice Reporter

WSC students and faculty paid tribute to those affected by the terrorist attacks by holding a vigil last Monday night. Professor Hotchkiss of the Mathematics department and students Elisabeth Shea and Katy Matras organized a gathering on the campus green with candles to dedicate moments of silence and remembrance to those who's lives have been changed by this tragedy.

Students sold red, white and blue ribbons for one dollar. The candles used were donated hy Pilgrim Candle Company and Second Congregational Church.

Hotchkiss began the candle light vigil with a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. followed by Father Dean's words of wisdom and hope.

"When you think about evil triumphing, it won't because of the good souls out here tonight," Dean said.

A theater student sang Amazing Grace. "The song choice

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-Photo by Jessie Perrigo

WSC students at the vigil

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-Photo by Meg Canning

The SGA Executive Board 2001-2002. From left to right: Katelin Kennedy, Kathryn Gelinas, Jon Harris, Brent Fisher, Shane Eldredge, Tom Amos, Angela LaPierre

Online programs added to improve convenience

By Mark Rattelle
Voice Reporter

Westfield State College students will soon be able to add and drop classes online, rather than waiting in the long lines of Scanlon Hall.

In October, WSC will launch software through the school's web page. Every student will be able to log in using his/her social security number and a private pin number given by the school in order to do things that were not available online last year.

The main focus of the new software is changing Add/Drop for the spring semester. Students will be able to add or drop classes from their home or dorm. They will simply log on with their given pin number and alter their schedules.

Many students are excited about this upcoming change. "Add/Drop was such a pain last year; I waited in line for so long just to switch a class. It's really good the school is doing this," sophomore Jamie Athas said.

The Add/Drop change is going to be used as a test this year, Associate Director of the Student Administrative Service Center, Cynthia Siegler said. "If all goes well and the school receives a positive response, next year the administration will add more programs similar to this," she said.

Online advising is one of the many programs being talked about. Complete registration will be able to be done online in the future also, Siegler said. "We are trying to make

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Thoughts on tragedy shared at forum

By Alison Close
Voice Reporter

Westfield State College students and faculty came together for the "Unite for America" forum held last Tuesday to help students cope with the acts of terrorism America faced on September 11.

The hour and a half gathering, coordinated by junior Kendra Kachadoorian and senior Mike Sakey, began with Sakey sharing his initial reaction to the attacks. "The news left me in shock and despair," he said.

"I couldn't even fathom what these DJ's were telling me," Sakey said, referring to disc jockeys' reports on radio stations.

Sakey said he decided to hold the forum after he realized that both students and faculty needed a place to express their emotions.

The forum is not a place to discuss war retaliation or political opinions, Sakey said. "The purpose of this meeting was to discuss personal emotions and no talk of hate will be tolerated.

"If we do lean on each other, hopefully something great can come of this," Sakey said before handing the microphone over to the public. "Sometimes the worst really does bring out the best in people."

Professor John Paulmann of the Communications Department also attended and spoke at the forum. He said he the forum was a very important step in connecting with one another during this time. Paulmann spoke of the event as a bridging experience, building a bridge across the dorms, campus and country.

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WSC among lowest priced state colleges in Mass.

By Adrienne Lamplough
Assistant Editor

Tuition at Westfield State College is at its lowest point in almost ten years, making it among the lowest priced state colleges in Massachusetts.

In a press release from the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education, Chairman Stephen P. Tocco said the board met earlier in September to discuss lowering the tuition at state colleges in Massachusetts, with the exception of UMass and community colleges.

"The board has made quality public higher education affordable and accessible to Massachusetts students and their families," said Tocco. "Today, any Massachusetts resident who wants to attend college can do so."

Chancellor Judith I. Gill said the vote represents a milestone for the Board.

"Reducing the cost of public higher education for students has long been a major priority for the Board of Higher Education," she said. "In the last five years, the savings to students due to reductions in tuition and fees is $114 million."

According to the Board's press release five years ago, the Board adopted a policy in which the central goal was to increase access and affordability to public higher education. The policy stated that students at four-year institutions should pay no more than 33 percent of the cost of their education and students at two-year institutions should pay no more than 25 percent of the cost of their education.

"Massachusetts has the lowest tuition of any of the 10 northeastern industrialized states and we are probably as low as we need to go," said

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WSC Foundation to hold art auction in remembrance of Naftulin

By Adrienne Lamplough
Assistant Editor

Westfield State College Foundation will hold an art auction in remembrance of the late Director of Development, Larry Naftulin, who passed away this summer after a massive heart attack.

Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Lawrence J. Naftulin Memorial Scholarship. Naftulin gathered almost 4,000 pieces of art from Canadian artists while he was Chief Executive Officer of Niagara College Foundation in Ontario, Canada, Meghan McInerney from Alumni Relations said.

The art, appraised at $3 million, includes rock-and-roll works from Barrie Wentzell, pastels from painter Richard Vandermeer and many other works. Five out of fifty of Wentzell's works, which have been included in Rolling Stones and Vogue, will be up for sale at WSCF's art auction, McInerney said.

Wentzell's work includes portraits of John Lennon and Yoko Ono in Yoko's private collection, as well as photos in the private collections of Carlos Santana, Elton John and Eric Clapton, said WSCF.

According to WSCF, there will be many different types of art at the

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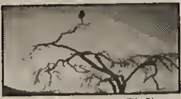

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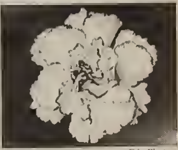

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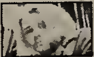

New book on Kurt Cobain covers his life from birth to his tragic death. Turn to page 10 to read the review of Heavier Than Heaven, the new book on the front man of the legendary band Nirvana.

College students struggle to deal with the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington. Check out page 7 to hear how a generation raised during a stretch of peace and prosperity is coping with the idea of a future war and struggling to understand a new world.

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SGA makes plans to aid the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund

By Tom Perron
Voice Reporter

A National Tragedy Relief Effort to help the victims and families from the recent terrorist attacks was established at WSC's Student Government meeting held last Tuesday.

"This is one, if not the worst, terrorist attacks of all time," SGA President Shane Eldredge said.

Eldredge has sent a memo to the college community that contains locations monetary donations can be dropped off at. These include the cashier's area at 333 Western Ave., the Ely Campus Center Service Window and the Residential Life office in the Scanlon Hall Annex.

"[The Red Cross] is really only asking for money right now, since they have been bombarded with other donations," Eldredge said.

Eldredge clarified that other groups on campus are looking for new clothing and other donations. There are signs posted around campus for drop-off locations, he said.

Vice President of Student Affairs, Arthur Jackson, said that WSC will be "sending one big check from the entire university" at the end of the donation process.

Senior Brent Fisher, Vice President of Student Life, said that at the blood drive on Sept. 10 "we received 91 units {of blood], of which 61 were accepted." There will also be two more blood drives in the Westfield area with the dates and locations to be announced, said Fisher.

Vice President of Student Life, Angela LaPierre said that the Fall Concert Fest to be held on Saturday, Sept. 22, will now be a benefit concert with proceeds going to the American Red Cross.

In conjunction with Family Weekend, which will be held on Sept. 29, LaPierre said that there will be a Campus Carnival. "There will be a moonbounce, games and popcorn and snowcones," she said.

The first coffeehouse of the year is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 3. Anyone who wishes to perform can leave a message at x5429, LaPierre said.

Thomas Amos, SGA President of Finance, said, "[The SGA} is still looking for a treasurer." Anyone that is interested in this position should call the SGA office and leave a message with Barbara Hand, SGA Secretary, he said.

There will be a mandatory budget seminar for all clubs sponsored by the SGA on Oct. 10 from 4-5 p.m. in Ely 130, Amos said.

Sarah Miller, the newly appointed Commuter Council president, said that there will be a BBQ for all commuters on Sept. 26 on the walkway near Bates Hall.

Senior Class President, Meghan Canning, said that the class is drafted ideas for Senior Days and Senior Week activities. If anyone has any ideas, they can e-mail the class at WSC_classof2002@hotmail.com, Canning said.

Vigil

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couldn't have been any better, it was so appropriate for the occasion. Tears came to my eyes," junior Jennifer Prior said.

A crowd of people stood close together with candlewicks burning slowly. Hotchkiss opened the floor to anyone who wanted to share their pain, grief or feelings. Hotchkiss started an African American spiritual melody that joined in with him. "There is more love somewhere," he sang as he continued with words such as peace, hope, love and joy.

> "When you think about evil triumphing, it won't because of the good souls out here tonight."
> -Father Dean

Professor John Paulmann of the Communications Department, consoled a member of the crowd who shared his fear because of family that might have been lost in the wreckage. Paulmann created a scene for people listening. He said picture all those people in uniforms reaching out to people in need, and all the different cultures coming together.

Matt Tucker, a freshman, led the song God Bless America by Lee Greenwood, originally popular around the Persian Gulf War.

"Music helps with healing pain. I was amazed at how many songs were remixed with facts and one-liners from New York and Washington. Every single remix has President Bush on it. I choose to sing God Bless America because the words fit so beautifully," said Tucker.

Trudy Knowles, professor of Education, said that she is scared for this generation. "I hate to see you all go through this, you are all right now in the best part of your lives. Remember it is hate that brings this about. Be agents of love. Help each other always speak for peace and justice, hold onto faith if you have faith. I wish us all strength and love as we all go through this together," she said.

Professor Hotchkiss concluded the evening with words from his minister that did not mean more to him than they do now, which were, "Go in peace, believe in peace, create peace."

Jill Pavelcsyk and Lauren Stearley, seniors, led the group off into the night with the Star Spangled Banner.

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From the Editor's Desk

What America Stands For

The attack on America is now two weeks past and our country is struggling t move on. People have returned to work, professional sports have started back up and life is somewhat resembling what it used to be. In an effort to move on after the attac though, some have decided to take it into their own hands to retaliate against thos whom they feel are respunsible for the terrorist attacks. While the attacks from terrorists on the outside are over, we are continuing attacks on the people here. We've al heard by now about the mosques being fired upon, Arab-American owned businesse being burned and the man in Arizona who shot to death a man of Arab decent all in th name of America. And I hope we all know by now that actions like this are not eve close to what America stands for.

Look at who is sitting next to you or living down the hall from you. Odds are many of these people have parents or grandparents who made the choice to come to Americ to seek a better life for themselves and their children. This is what America stands for. For many, America is a beacon of hope. People just want to have a chance at life, a chance they don't have in their home country. People from all over the world come t America for many reasons, whether it be religious freedom, an opportunity to make a living and provide for their children or just simply to escape the persecution they endure daily in their home country. Whatever the reason be, America has a tradition of taking these people in and allowing them to have that chance. There are few people who ca say that their family has been in the land known as America for thousands of years Most in this country are here because in the past few hundred years their ancestors chose to make a new start in this land, and America gave them the chance to start again.

America has a vast multitude of ethnic and racial groups inhabiting its lands. Unfortunately, despite America taking in these varied people, many of these groups have been subject to some form of persecution and discrimination throughout its history. Now, as a result of the terrorist attacks, it is people of a Middle Eastern origin who are subject to this discrimination.

There are still far too many ignorant people who live in this country that don't realize that many of these people are Americans, just like you or me. If some terrorist group in France were to decide to bomb America, would people start harassing and threatening me because of my French heritage? Most likely not; this would be seen as ridiculous behavior on the part of Americans. But this is exactly the type of behavior that some in this country are currently guilty of.

So while we are all trying to move on and get on with our normal lives, remember a part of normal life before this was accepting people no matter where they or their ancestors came from. Before the attacks, there were not daily reports of threats or attempted attacks on people of a Middle Eastern descent, and there should not be now. The people in America need to show the world that they still are strong and stand for the values they always have. We cannot forget that one of those values is taking in those who seek refuge or a chance to start a new life. It is a value that stood firm when our ancestors came here, and it is a value that must continue to stand firm now and in the future.

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More students shared their thoughts and feelings to the crowd. One student spoke of how our generation has never fathomed something like this happening to the U.S., let alone witness it firsthand.

Students shared emotions and publicly proclaimed feelings such as confusion, fear, numbness, insecurity, panic, uncertainty and even guilt.

Some students spoke of personal losses. Others praised the American military, and still others passed along messages as simple and powerful as "please unite."

At one point, the forum broke into small groups to discuss topics on a more personal level. These topics included opinions on ways people should help, steps to be taken and everyone's recounts on exactly when and where they first heard of the tragedy.

Many students across campus thought that holding the forum was a positive step.

"I think it's a great idea to vent and talk to other kids about what has happened," junior Matthew Merriam said. Junior Nichole Masse, who attended to keep a friend company, said she was touched by everyone's courage. "It was really helpful to hear kids my age expressing the same feelings that I have and am just too afraid to say out loud."

Escalating hate crimes and harassment throughout the nation and campus were also topics for discussion. Sakey used an example of harassment that happened to fellow forum organizer, Kachadoorian. Kachadoorian's Lebanese and Armenian heritage left her in a tough situation when a fellow student warned her "to watch her back."

When asked her response to the threat, Kachadoorian said, "I didn't know what to say to this kid."

Kachadoorian said that she initially did not know how to handle this comment. She said she considered hiding her heritage until she realized that "a lot of people just have misplaced anger."

"This was an act of terrorism, not an act of Arab people," Kachadoorian explained.

"I pray for that person. I pray for everyone," Kachadoorian said in response to the man who threatened her. "I'm proud of who I am and I'm proud of my heritage."

Kachadoorian said that she was extremely pleased with the amount of people that came to share their feelings and show their support. "I am ecstatic with the turnout of the event."

Father Dean offered a moment of silence to all of the victims of the September 11 attack and ended his statement with his notorious, "Yo, you are good."

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

Senior Michael Sakey speaking at the forum

Tuition

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President Woodward. "The industrialized states are from Maine down to Maryland."

According to Woodward students receiving financial aid most likely won't see any changes in the amount they acquire because financial aid is based on family income and the cost of tuition.

Families and students received notice of the $60 reduction in tuition through many different ways; such as through news sources like The Boston Globe along with the arrival of the bill, said Woodward.

"It's always a good idea when tuition is lowered," said Vice-President of Academic Affairs Dr. Arthur Jackson.

The majority of our support comes from the state legislature, not from tuition. That means that even if tuition goes up or down it doesn't mean that we always get help from the state. What we receive depends on the state budget, said Jackson. "This year we don't have a state budget."

According to Jackson the budget is supposed to be set in July, so until Westfield State gets a budget we don't know what to put the money towards, such as raises for the faculty and an increase for the cost of utilities. When tuition goes down it isn't always helping students because it makes it harder to provide for the classes.

"I don't think that lowering tuition is a bad thing and lowering it by $60 will not really do anything; at least not for the average student at Westfield State College," said junior Ethan Slavin.

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it as easy as we can for students and faculty to do any kind of registration. No more lines or hassles."

Starting in the spring, the internet will be able to help the faculty also. They will be able to pull up a list of people they are advising or helping to get information right there. Teachers will also be able to do their grades online.

For those who are worried about losing or forgetting their six-digit pin number, there will also be ways for students to change the number to something that they can remember, like a pet's name or even their favorite numbers.

Some students, though, do not like the idea of everything being online.

It's a pointless idea, said freshman Clint Austin. "I like to talk with people one-on-one, not through a machine. What if I have a problem? I can't ask the computer questions," Austin said.

For those students who feel that way, there will still be the conventional way of doing things. "We will still run the same Add/Drop program in Scanlon Hall, but you can also do it online," Siegler explained.

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WHY DID YOU CHOOSE WSC: IT OFFERED MY MAJOR, THE CAMPUS LOOKED VERY NICE AND I LIKED THE PROGRAMS THEY OFFERED.

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LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: FOOD

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"I THINK WE NEED TO RELAX & GET THINGS STRAIGHTENED OUT FIRST, THEN TAKE A BIGGER LOOK AT HOW WE'LL FIGHT THIS."

PAT SULLIVAN
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
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"SEEK OUT THE TERRORIST GROUPS WHO DID THIS AND TAKE REVENGE."

NATALIE HOWLETT
BIOLOGY
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"I DON'T THINK THEY SHOULD RETALIATE, IT WILL ONLY MAKE THINGS WORSE."

JILL SWEENEY
SPECIAL ED.
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"I THINK THEY SHOULD COMPROMISE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE BEFORE TAKING THE LAST STEP AND GOING TO WORK."

RYAN TOOLIN
UNDECLARED
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"I THINK WE NEED TO GET BIN LADEN & ALL OF HIS HELPERS, BUT I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD KILL MORE INNOCENT PEOPLE."

JARED SELTZER
UNDECLARED
2005

"HONESTLY, I WOULDN'T MIND BEING DEPLOYED AFTER WE FOUND OUT EXACTLY WHO'S RESPONSIBLE."

KRISTINA MARTINELLI
BIOLOGY
2004

Counseling Center offers advice on coping with tragedies

The Counseling Center wants to offer information and support to the college community about reactions that you may be having to the shocking assaults on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Over the next few weeks, you may experience a number of reactions to the tragedy.

FREQUENT RESPONSES TO DISASTER

- Shock and a sense of disbelief, especially shortly after the event.
- Physical responses; disturbed sleep, fatigue, nightmares, change in appetite, headaches, startled responses to noise.
- Cognitive responses: difficulty concentrating or making decisions, lowered attention span.
- Emotional responses: sense of hopelessness or fear, crying, hyper vigilance, moodiness.
- Spiritual questions: how could someone do such a thing?

We all have different reactions, none of which is inherently better or worse than another.

If you have experienced a trauma in the past, your reaction to this one may be more intense, but you may also find yourself being helpful to friends who have never experienced a trauma before.

WAYS TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND WAYS TO HELP OTHERS

- Share what you are thinking and feeling with others you trust. Talking about a trauma early on is known to be essential to healing. Let friends talk. Seek out those you love to share your feelings.
- Don't numb your emotional pain with drugs or alcohol. Remember that alcohol is a depressant.
- Find the balance between thinking about the tragedy and going on with your life. Turn offthe TV when you find yourself being retraumatized by the shocking visual images of the World Trade Center. Balance care for others with care for yourself.
- Do things that are soothing, or for some people, energizing. For some people, listening to music is soothing. For others, playing a vigorous sport serves to drain away some of the negative feelings.
- Take care of yourself physically. Keep eating regularly. Get enough sleep.
- Find even the smallest way that you can help someone else. Hold a door open for a stranger. Help a mom with toddlers to put her groceries in the car.
- Take care of your spiritual needs. Attend to what helps you feel connected to others and to all there is. For some it is attending church, for others it is reading to a child or hiking in the park. Pray, meditate, write in your journal, appreciate the precious life that we all have.
- If you are upset and can't seem to feel better, get counseling. The Counseling Center staff is available for individual appointments or to facilitate groups. Often a little help early on can quickly help you draw on your own natural strengths and to feel better.

•Westfield State Counseling Center, Lammers Annex, x5790

Auction

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auction, including abstracts, realistic landscapes, surrealistic fantasies, works combining text and images and Native American symbolism.

According to McInerney, Dan Farrell of the Antiques Road show on PBS will be running the auction. The tickets cost $10 per person, which can be purchased ahead of time at the Alumni Office at 333 Western Ave. through September 28 at 4 p.m. Tickets will also be sold at the door, McInerney said. The public is free to stop in and view the pieces during the auction previews, scheduled for Sept. 29, 12-3 p.m. and Sept. 30, 3-4 p.m at the Red Barn in Westfield. The auction will begin Sept. 30 at 4 p.m.

"School Street Bistro is doing the catering and wine was donated by Mark Platt of Banfi Wines. And music will be provided by the WSC Jazz Group," McInerney said.

About 700 invitations were sent out and the auction is open to the public, McInerney said. Advertisements and articles have been written in local newspapers also, she said.

"People interested in photography, pastels and all different kinds of media should attend the auction. It would certainly be an interesting opportunity to see another country's art," said McInerney.

For more information on the art auction or WSC's Alumni Relations, log on to www.alumni.wsc.ma.edu.

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Support for those who lost loved ones on Sept. 11.

Two members of the campus community have close connections with one of the individuals missing and presumed dead after the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on New York City. Westfield native Daniel Trant, who worked on the upper floors of the World Trade Center, is the son-in-law of Eileen Deraleau, a maintainer in Environmental Services. Also, maintainer Raymond Devlin is the boyfriend of Daniel's sister. Eileen is currently with her daughter, Kathy Trant, on Long Island.

Members of the campus community have asked how they can help.If you wish to send donations or condolences to the family, please send them to James Rovezzi at Environmental Services, Parenzo Hall, 2nd Floor. Checks should be made out to Kathy Trant. Jim will make sure they get to the family.

Daniel, 40, was a Westfield High School basketball star in the late 1970s. He played professional basketball in Ireland and the United States, including the Springfield Fame of the U.S. Basketball League. He was working as an international trader for the firm of Canter Fitzgerald, headquartered on the 105 floor of the North Tower of the complex, and is among more than 700 employees of the firm that are presumed dead from the terrorist attack. He was the father of three children, ages 10, 12 and 19. He also leaves his parents, William and Mary Trant, who now live in Florida, and seven brothers and sisters. William is a former Westfield city councilor and a retired postmaster of the Westfield Post Office. Funeral services were conducted on Sept. 17 in Northport, N.Y.

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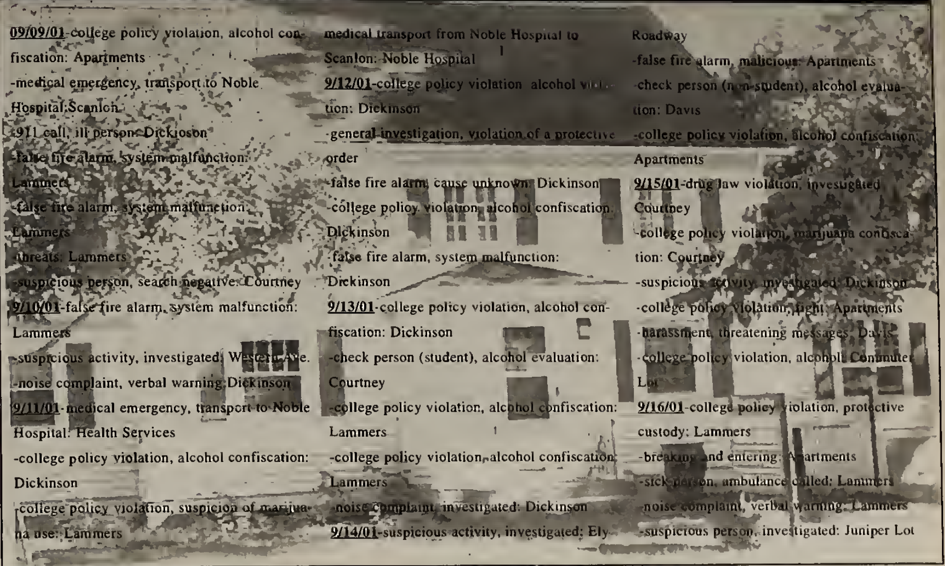

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-medical emergency, transport to Noble Hospital:Scanlon
-911 call, ill person: Dickioson
-false fire alarm, system malfunction: Lammers
-false fire alarm, system malfunction: Lammers
-threats: Lammers
-suspicious person, search negative: Courtney
9/10/01-false fire alarm, system malfunction: Lammers
-suspicious activity, investigated: Western Ave.
-noise complaint, verbal warning: Dickinson
9/11/01-medical emergency, transport to Noble Hospital: Health Services
-college policy violation, alcohol confiscation: Dickinson
-college policy violation, suspicion of marijuana use: Lammers
medical transport from Noble Hospital to Scanlon: Noble Hospital
9/12/01-college policy violation alcohol violation: Dickinson
-general investigation, violation of a protective order
-false fire alarm, cause unknown: Dickinson
-college policy violation, alcohol confiscation: Dickinson
-false fire alarm, system malfunction: Dickinson
9/13/01-college policy violation, alcohol confiscation: Dickinson
-check person (student), alcohol evaluation: Courtney
-college policy violation, alcohol confiscation: Lammers
-college policy violation, alcohol confiscation: Lammers
-noise complaint, investigated: Dickinson
9/14/01-suspicious activity, investigated: Ely Roadway
-false fire alarm, malicious: Apartments
-check person (non-student), alcohol evaluation: Davis
-college policy violation, alcohol confiscation: Apartments
9/15/01-drug law violation, investigated Courtney
-college policy violation, marijuana confiscation: Courtney
-suspicious activity, investigated: Dickinson
-college policy violation, fight: Apartments
-harassment, threatening messages: Davis
-college policy violation, alcohol: Commuter Lot
9/16/01-college policy violation, protective custody: Lammers
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Boys may be getting to puberty earlier.

WASHINGTON POST -There has been a lot of attention recently to suggestions that girls may be reaching puberty at younger ages, perhaps because of something in the environment, their diets or the rising rate of obesity among children. Now research suggests the same thing may be happening to boys.

Marcia E. Herman-Giddens of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her colleagues analyzed data about 2,114 boys ages 8 to 19 collected between 1988 and 1994 as part of a large, ongoing government survey.

Although the survey doesn't collect information specifically about puberty, it does gather a range of health information that includes clues to puberty, such as when boys first develop pubic hair and genital growth.

Based on that, the researchers concluded that boys were reaching puberty at age 12 on average, about a year and a half earlier than previous research indicated, the researchers reported in Friday's issue of the Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine.

``Earlier puberty raises important clinical and public health implications," the researchers wrote. For example, if the trend is real, it might mean sex education should start at earlier ages.

But more research is needed to confirm the phenomenon, determine possible causes and uncover whether it has any adverse affects on mental or physical health, the researchers said.

Youthful peddlers are swindled by modern-day fagins.

CARLA RIVERA
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES - Thirteen-year-old Margarita Parra was looking to earn some spending money, and the flier she spotted on a fence in her South-Central Los Angeles neighborhood seemed to offer a fun way:

`TEEN JOBS. EARN UP TO $125 A WEEK AND MORE. PLUS! WIN PRIZES, CASH BONUSES AND TRIPS TO MAGIC MOUNTAIN, UNIVERSAL STUDIOS, KNOTTS ... ALL TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED."

She called the number and two days later a van belonging to a group called Tomorrow's Future picked her up. She spent the next two weeks knocking on doors in far-away neighborhoods, urging residents to buy cookies and candies at $6 a pop. Following a script from her bosses, she told customers the money would help her stay away from gangs and drugs and win her prizes.

In the end, she was paid nothing and there were no theme park trips. And the money she took in flowed to a shadowy business, not a nonprofit.

Margarita's story is a familiar one to officials trying to crack down on a burgeoning child labor practice that they say exploits youngsters, even exposing some to fatal accidents. Government investigators contend that the adult crew leaders and those who run the operations are raking in as much as $1 billion annually in untaxed sales revenues nationally while many youngsters are left empty-handed.

An estimated 50,000 minors, some as young as eight, peddle goods on any given day on street corners, in front of supermarkets and on front porches from coast to coast.

Many work for outfits that present themselves as charities when in fact they do not have tax-exempt status and their proceeds do not support programs that help youths.

Of course, not every child selling on the street is working for a modern-day Fagin, officials point out. Many are legitimately selling candy as volunteers for churches, schools and charities.

But thousands of other children are exploited for their labor, working more hours than allowed by law, being underpaid or not paid at all and working in unsupervised, often dangerous conditions, prosecutors allege. The younger their age, the more heartfelt their appeal to unwary consumers, they say.

``How many people think it's safe for their own kids to ring doorbells in strange neighborhoods?" asked Darlene Adkins, who coordinates child labor issues as vice president of the National Consumers League. ``They're out late at night and in all kinds of weather."

-File Photo

On many street corners, especially in low-income black and Latino neighborhoods and around schools, fliers can be spotted advertising such work. They usually list telephone numbers that invariably turn out to be pagers. They rarely mention a business name.

``They are very difficult to deal with from an enforcement perspective; they're very elusive," said Corlis Sellers, the U.S. Labor Department's national child labor coordinator. ``By the time we get a complaint or a sighting and send someone out, (the operators are) usually gone."

Margarita Parra, now 15, entered that world two years ago. During her first phone conversation with recruiters, she was told the work would be a great way to get involved in a nonprofit community group.

``They gave us a script to memorize that we were supposed to read to customers and they said this was our training," said Margarita, who has been active in a government action against Tomorrow's Future. ``They said they would deduct $50 from our pay for training, but they never explained anything to us."

According to her accounts, the van that picked her up carried five or six other youngsters, some of whom had to pile into the back where there were no seat belts. They were taken to downtown Los Angeles and to neighborhoods in surrounding areas where they had never been before.

Margarita worked from 3:30 to 9:30 p.m. on school days and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends selling chocolates, fruit-flavored candy, Pokemon toys and cookies with no adult supervision, no rest breaks, no food money. She was expected to ask the strangers on whose doors she knocked for water and the use of their toilet.

If the children didn't sell enough, they were punished. One boy, she says, was made to sit in the hot van all day.

``One time they left a girl (in a far-off neighborhood). She was new and only sold one item so they got upset. They kicked her off the van, gave her some change and told her to go home. We had come on the freeway, so it was a pretty long way," she said.

Margarita quit after two weeks. When she asked for her earnings _ $1.50 for every item she sold _ she was told she'd be paid that night. She got nothing.

A few months later, Margarita and a friend mentioned their experiences to Juan Garcia, 21, a youth organizer for the nonprofit group Concerned Citizens of South Central Los Angeles. Garcia brought it to the attention of the state labor commissioner's office, which filed a complaint on behalf of seven teen-agers.

After nearly 18 months of investigation, two of the Tomorrow's Future employees were tracked down. Twenty-year-old Orlando Sanabria, whom the youngsters identified as one of the van drivers, pleaded no contest in December to a misdemeanor charge of transporting a minor more than 10 miles from home without a permit. Sanabria was fined $540 and placed on probation.

The operator, Jesse Banerjee, 31, was charged with 42 criminal counts of labor code violations, including paying less than the minimum wage, failure to obtain work permits or register with state labor authorities, and requiring the employees to work excessive hours. Each misdemeanor count carries a maximum penalty of six months in jail and/or a $1,000 fine. Banerjee disappeared before a court hearing and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

State labor officials calculated that Tomorrow's Future owed the seven victims in the lawsuit $5,579 in back wages.

California is one of 17 states that place some restrictions on peddling by youths. Employers of minors engaged in door-to-door sales more than ten miles from their homes are supposed to register with the state labor commissioner. But according to officials, not a single company holds a permit in the state.

Those under 16 employed by for-profit businesses in California can sell door-to-door only if they do so in pairs, are within sight or sound of an adult supervisor every 15 minutes and are paid the minimum wage. Minors employed to sell or deliver newspapers are exempt from such restrictions.

Part of the problem facing labor agencies is limited manpower for enforcement. California's labor agency has about 100 field investigators, but none dedicated exclusively to child labor problems.

Supers live up to their nickname

MAGGIE FARLEY
LOS ANGELES TIMES

NEW YORK - Call them the Secret Supers. Or even the Super Supers. But don't, they insist, call them heroes.

They are a group of superintendents who stayed behind at an apartment complex across the street from the World Trade Center, at first to tend to tenants who couldn't - or wouldn't - leave. A week after the towers crumbled, all the residents are gone, except for the lady holding out in the penthouse who cooks them dinner with a propane blowtorch. But they are still hiding out in their building with no power or water - to fend off looters, feed abandoned pets, empty rotting garbage and lend a hand any way they can.

For the residents of the Regatta, Tony, Willie, Jerry, Juan and Eric are not just the uniformed men who keep the place running. In New York, where apartment buildings are like vertical villages, these guys are like family. They're the couriers of gossip, the ones who bring in groceries when snowstorms shut down the city, the ones who arrange for women in labor to get to the hospital in the middle of the night.

So last Tuesday, when the terror across the street made Doris Moinester's heart stop, it was only appropriate that Tony Hernandez, 44, and William Correa, 42, were her makeshift pallbearers - gently carrying her down the stairs and turning her over to emergency workers when no ambulances would stop and no hearses could get through.

Hernandez was the one who carried the Gopsteins' baby out the emergency exit and shepherded families onto the evacuation boat headed for New Jersey. And he was the guy who made sure that everyone stuck in the blacked-out building, including Beverly DiNapoli in her wheelchair on the sixth floor, had candles and food and a comforting listener.

``Hey, these people are good to us," said Hernandez, who has worked at the Regatta for 13 years. ``It's nice to be able to give something back. This is when it counts."

On Wednesday night, Hernandez hadn't slept since the planes hit the towers just hundreds of yards away the morning before. He kept seeing the fireball and falling bodies when he shut his eyes.

``I was tired," he said. ``I was nervous and I was wired. But there were people who needed help more than me."

And then Jerry Colon and Correa showed up. After getting safely home to their families, they decided they had to come back. ``I couldn't stand just sitting there watching it on TV," Correa said. Juan Lopez and Eric Rodriguez returned too, reporting for duty.

There's plenty to do. They carried DiNapoli in her wheelchair down six flights and escorted her to safety. They chased away looters who had broken into the corner grocery store and were casing the apartment. For the past week, they've fed pets and carted out garbage. At night, they eat torch-fired meals in the lobby, then lock the doors and sleep on the sofas while one of them stands guard.

``It's like camping out," Correa said. ``We sit around with candles and snacks ... and we talk."

But they aren't supposed to be there. At first, the police allowed them to stay to help locate a gas leak in the building because they had a passkey to the apartments. They laid low during the day, when the National Guard came by looking for stragglers. But when the Emergency Medical Services took over their lobby as a triage center, then the front of the building as a makeshift morgue, they emerged to help out.

And as they sorted through pieces of debris, unloaded emergency supplies and offered their sofas for exhausted workers to rest, a camaraderie built among those who chose to stay and toil in the ghost town.

``We're not doing anything special," Hernandez said. ``The true heroes are the professionals out there digging for those bodies. We see them with their heads down, walking tired. Some of them are crying and saying [they] can't find anybody. I ask them if it's still a search and rescue, and they say it will continue to be a search and rescue until they can't do it no more."

News Briefs

Bio-tech corn can pose threat

WASHINGTON POST - Genetically engineered corn poses a "negligible" threat to monarch butterflies, according to government- and industry-sponsored studies.

Researchers at Cornell University had found that monarch larvae could be harmed by a pesticide produced by biotech corn - a finding that caused some to criticize the widely used products and the government regulators who approved them. Corn engineered to contain a naturally occurring pesticide was introduced in 1995 and covers about 20 percent of America's corn fields.

Although one of the five new papers found that the type of modified corn tested at Cornell could harm monarchs inadvertently, the others concluded that variety was rarely used and other varieties posed no threat.

After two years of study, the researchers said pollen at the levels necessary to have any impact on monarchs showed up in less than 1 percent of the samples, and even then the corn's most popular varieties did not appear to be harmful.

But the researchers reported that one variety of widely used herbicide does harm monarchs by killing the milkweed they feed on as caterpillars. The studies, published in last Tuesday's issue of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, were released weeks ahead of a decision by the Environmental Protection Agency on whether to renew government permits for the seeds, which produce a protein toxic to the European corn borer.

Fewer Programs Are One of Cable's Luxuries

HOLLYWOOD - Network executives have long pointed enviously at the advantages enjoyed by cable channels - especially Home Box Office - which produce a mere handful of original series each year, affording them the luxury of more tightly focusing their production efforts and promotional resources.

Bristling at the critical praise showered on HBO, some network officials have noted that the pay service is playing an entirely different game by centering its original programming largely on a single night, putting "The Sopranos," "Sex and the City" and "Six Feet Under" on Sundays. These executives contend that if each network could put forward only their best series - say, "ER," "Law & Order" and "Frasier" on NBC - they measure up reasonably well, with an inevitable diminution of quality as the number of programs expands.

Moreover, the addition of new broadcast and cable channels has only heightened the difficulty of finding top-notch programs, network officials insist, creating a mad dash to attract established talent that inevitably dilutes the available pool, giving rise to an assortment of undistinguished shows that rapidly fail.

College students seek answers, find questions

AMY ARGETSINGER
THE WASHINGTON POST

Just a year ago, Becky Rudolph's father reassured her about the future in confident words that eased her young mind: There will never he a war here in your lifetime.

When he said it, it made sense, the University of Maryland freshman recalled over brunch in a campus dining hall. "He said, 'We're too powerful, we're at peace with all these nations.' "

Rudolph, 18, was only 7 when the nation's last major conflict broke out on the far side of the globe. She remembers Persian Gulf War trading cards for kids, but little else.

And then came Tuesday, a day that nothing in her life had prepared her to imagine. "I felt," she said wistfully, "like we had been let down."

For college students, the attacks on New York and the Pentagon struck at a particularly vulnerable crossroads of their lives. A generation raised during a remarkable stretch of peace and prosperity, they have little memory of the Cold War and none of the Iranian hostage crisis. No longer children, they are barely adults, with political views and personal goals yet to jell.

Now, in just a week, they find themselves questioning career goals, pondering military service and struggling to understand a world that suddenly seems much larger, or smaller, than they'd comprehended.

At Princeton, comparative literature major Heather Morr, 20, is now eyeing job possibilities with the CIA. "All of a sudden, it's an issue I can relate to," said Morr, of Vienna, Va.

Some find themselves curious, for the first time, about the religious beliefs of their Muslim classmates. Others find themselves afraid, for the first time, of nuclear war.

"It's a defining moment in the lives of all high school and college students," said Thomas Hall, a senior at the University of Virginia.

On many campuses, talk is centering on military deployment and who among them might be asked to serve. UCLA sophomore Dominick Franklin, 19, said be joined the Navy ROTC simply to help pay for college, never imagining he could see combat. "This kind of makes it real, what we're training for," he said.

Howard University freshman Charlene Carter, 19, fretted about high school friends who enlisted in the military rather than enter college. "You don't know what's going to happen or where they'll be sent," Carter, of Atlanta. "I don't think they ever thought something like this would happen. No one did."

Students reported a surge of patriotism and a new resolve on their campuses. At Boston University, a school that lost several alumni in the plane crashes, junior Phil Paparella said he was ready to go, almost.

"If other American boys are dying for peace, what makes me more important than them?" Paparella said. "I could see myself [enlisting], if I feel that it's needed."

Yet there seems little evidence of a run to the recruiting stations. Many students remained ambivalent, saying they would wait to see if their services were called for. Some wondered if their generation would be the first in years subject to a draft. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Sunday on Fox News that he saw no need to resume the draft right now but added, "I wouldn't rule out anything."

"I was like, there's a civil war in Afghanistan? We didn't pay attention until it affected us."
Sarah Carpenter
Georgetown University

"My roommate and I decided we'd go," said Dominic Minta, 20, a junior at Georgetown University. Still, "I think the possibility is pretty remote. It's not like we're sending in ground troops like Vietnam. And there are lots of reserves."

But, unlike Vietnam, this time, blood was shed on U.S. soil. At Maryland, senior Eric Benson, 21, and junior Mark Hatcher, 20, said they would reluctantly consider going into officer training. "Maybe this is the only way I can keep my family free," Hatcher said.

In the dining hall at Maryland, career plans were suddenly in flux. Junior Brian Bhuta described one friend who had dropped off the pre-med track, only to sign up for the MCAT exams last week: "If war breaks out, he wants to volunteer as a doctor."

Junior Anthony Brazil said he always believed the nation's military was too big, too wasteful. Now he thinks he should put his electrical engineering degree to work for the government or defense industry.

But broadcasting major Cleve Bryan, 19, was having second thoughts about becoming a foreign correspondent. His friend Rebecca Moore, who is studying law enforcement, was similarly struck as she heard the number of police officers missing at the World Trade Center.

"That's what I'm planning to do with my life. It makes me question," she said. "I'd really have to want to do it."

Some said they were more eager to study foreign affairs. Junior Sarah Carpenter, 20, said she rarely followed the news before this week. "I was like, there's a civil war in Afghanistan? We didn't pay attention until it affected us."

Freedom trumps fear.

LOS ANGELES TIMES-How much liberty is America willing to sacrifice in hopes of avoiding another week like the one just endured?

It's not surprising that Tuesday, just after suicidal terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and Pentagon, 61 percent of the people who responded to a Los Angeles Times Poll felt that they would be willing to sacrifice some liberties in order to help the United States government in its war on terrorism.

But which freedoms would they relinquish? The freedom to speak their minds? To practice any religion they desire? To associate with whomever they choose?

The freedom to sleep at night without fear of overzealous law officers kicking down their doors?

The tendency to capitulate to terror is all too human, and governments are all too willing to abrogate freedoms during times of national fear. As fear again focuses the never-ending U.S. debate over rights and responsibilities, citizens must make hard decisions about how they want to live.

One key problem always has been determining who is entitled to rights _ in distinguishing "us" from "them." The Exclusion Act of 1882 blocked Chinese immigration. After World War I, the government arrested leftists without warrants and deported legal immigrants. During WWII, the government interned Japanese Americans.

Another problem is trying to differentiate protections from intrusions. After Timothy McVeigh's attack on the federal building in Oklahoma City in 1995, the government tightened the reins on liberties, expanded law enforcement's ability to wiretap and gave the secretary of State authority to designate groups as terrorists. At this moment, when Americans are especially vulnerable to fear, it is important to recognize the importance of liberty and resist any efforts to use calamity as the rationale to further erode rights.

Shortly after the war that created this nation, Benjamin Franklin said: "Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

Liberty is this nation's sacred tenet, the ideal that inspired the founding fathers' great experiment in self-government. It's what brings people here today.

Terrorists and their organizations absolutely must be eliminated and the countries that harbor them should be punished. No one who threatens national security should be allowed to waltz across U.S. borders to visit, study or work. But the domestic battle against terrorism must not become an assault on this nation'svalues.

Should Americans submit to more inconvenience at airports? Absolutely. Must they make new sacrifices? You bet. But a retreat from individual freedoms? Never. That's the only answer that honors those who died last week.

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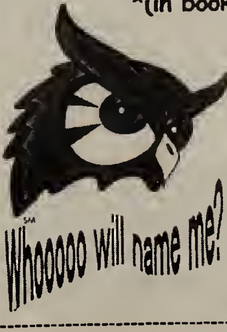

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The Cut

"Girls shouldn't worry so much about their weight, because worrying makes them eat and then they get fat." – Seamus O'Rourke

"Oprah, one day I just woke up and decided to love myself, all 400 lbs. of me!" This was received by a standing ovation-nothing brings Oprah's dullardly audience to its feet faster than self-empowerment. Alright Sparky here's the deal: Everyone should feel good about themselves, I sure as hell feel good about me. We all have worth as human beings and it's important to find that part of ourselves which we love. (Why am I stating the obvious? I'll get to that.)

CHRIS WARD

It's a triumph of, well, something or other, that Camryn Manheim and Starr Jones can have a girl's night out at Applebees, order the left half of the menu with three Bahama Mamas, consume their feast with a minimum of animal noises, politely belch into a napkin, exit with dignity, and be fine with that.

> **Everyone should feel good about themselves, I sure as hell feel good about me. We all have worth as human beings, and it's important to find that part of ourselves which we love.**

Their positive self image, however, starts to taper off where my aesthetic good sense begins. I, and most of you, know what looks good and what looks healthy and what does not. Would you ever use those opinions to look down upon or degrade someone? (Me, too, but that isn't the point.) The point is that, in the silliest PC campaign since "What should we call crippled people?", the moustache-twisters at the Ministry of Truth (A secret and powerful liberal think-tank located in the Catskills, but I've already said too much) have apparently come up with "Fat is as sexy as thin." People have jumped on this, such as women's magazines (who probably just feel bad about all the teenage girls they've killed), and channels like Oxygen, We, and Lifetime resulting in obese sexuality in the mainstream. (This may also result in fat chicks who think that they're hot, ending the booty call as we know it, boys.)

Which fetish comes next, watersports? We've apparently decided that obesity (30 lbs. over ideal weight or more) will now be considered "mainstream beauty" instead of facing the fact that we're the fattest nation in the world and we're only getting fatter. Here's what the emporer's new (XXL) clothes look like: Did you know that physical inactivity and being overweight account for 300,000 deaths annually, second only to tobacco? Obesity in this country doubled in 10 years to near 20%, it costs us 6.8% of our $1 trillion annual health care bill, it's been called the first epidemic of this millenium, yet we're calling it "attractive." The rates have climbed highest in children, partly because in our living rooms are kids who view being sent outside to play as a punishment. Fat kids, who will become fat adults, are prone to cardiovascular disease, diabetes, depression, and raw cookie dough binges. Sexy, huh?

On the subject of last Monday's candlelight vigil, I didn't go because they called it a "peace" vigil. Less than 10% of the student body showed up, thank goodness. Every week I end my column with the words "peace and balance" but there cannot be one without the other. Swift and unblinking retribution will return that equilibrium. Let me know when the "You shall be avenged!" vigil is. I'll bet our attendance will be higher.

Duct tape refusing to stick to your dorm wall? Sandpaper it first... Reality TV is tasteless enough, maybe next season we'll see Bob Villa hosting "This Old World Trade Center"... Enough with the wife-beaters, it's almost October, man...At parties, UMASS football players have to tell girls that they're "Minutemen"...The only ones who care if a girl's breasts are real or not are other girls. Your boyfriend may deny that but what did you expect him to say? ...in this column I used the word "fat" only seven times but it seemed like more because you're supposed to say "heavy."

Send me whatever at Seamus2003 @Yahoo.com.

Peace and balance.

C. Ward is a Voice Columnist

Kevin's Korner

I would like to offer my condolences to everyone affected by the tragedies in New York, Washington, DC, and Pennsylvania. This has been a horrendous time for our country.

KEVIN HEATON

My thoughts and prayers are with the victims, their families and their friends. I would also like to express my sympathies to any Muslim students or faculty members, who have felt targeted by ignorance.

I'd ilke to remind everyone that the actions of a few extremist terrorists do not implicate all Arabs or Muslims, any more than the IRA represents all Irish people. This is a time when all Americans should be united, not looking for scapegoats. I was moved when I saw Republicans and Democrats standing together on the steps of the Capital singing "God Bless America."

At the same time, all Afghanis are not responsible for the acts of their militaristic government or of Osama Bin Laden. If bin Laden was responsible for the attack, which hasn't been proven, he should certainly be brought to justice. This is unlikely to happen from bombing Afghanistan "to the Stone Age," as some have called for. What's stopping Bin Laden and his followers from simply fleeing the country?

Indiscriminate bombing would simply compound the problem and possibly cause a nuclear war. Given the mountainous terrain in Afghanistan, it would likely not be the kind of "smart bombing" used in the Gulf War. We could easily be drawn into a situation like Vietnam.

I am not saying that the United States should not retaliate. If diplomatic and economic sanctions have been exhausted (which they have not), and we still don't have the alleged terrorists in custody, then we should strike. I am saying, however, that President Bush should be urged to use caution and restraint. Foreign policy should not be based on anger and retaliation.

Let's remember what the media doesn't tell us about war. As I am writing this, I'm listening to "All Things Considered" on National Public Radio. One of the guests is a television producer who just reported that he was in Iraq during the Gulf War and saw the effects of American "smart bombs" on civilians. Needless to say, this was not shown anywhere in the US. Why? Bush had convinced Americans that we had to protect "freedom and democracy," and promised a quick victory. Try telling that to a woman in Iraq whose child has died because of US sanctions, and put that on CNN!

Again, I certainly want the people responsible for this and other unspeakable acts of terrorism brought to justice. Randomly bombing and committing to an extensive war will only satisfy the terrorists, and increase the likelihood of more terrorism. This is not justifiable, regardless of the cause or the intended outcome. For information on aiding the victims and encouraging a peaceful solution visit www.workingforchange.com.

K. Heaton is a Voice Columnist

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Patriots Come Out of the Closet With Their Red, White and Blues

Dan Rodricks
Baltimore Sun

"I never was much for putting out a flag," I heard a woman say in the weekend sunshine, "until now." She went into the basement of her home and fetched two small ones, starchy cloth flags on sticks, and stuck them in the potted plants in front of her house.

This has happened all across the nation by now: Americans who love their country, but who limit patriotic displays to singing the national anthem before ball games, are among those dishing out dollars for flags or pulling them from storage.

They're probably feeling something they've never felt before. It might be unmitigated anger. It might be unfettered patriotism. But it might just be a strangely sereoe, utterly unambiguous belief in the next big American challenge.

The country has been attacked and the country has to respond. The enemy is not an entire nation, nor is it an alliance of nations, easy to color on a map. The enemy is evil cloaked a thousand different ways in a thousand different places, presenting a complex challenge for the world's superpower.

It will be incredibly difficult, hugely difficult, to find and eliminate terrorists, and do so without killing innocents. But this time there's no ambiguity about whether the nation should be engaged.

Remember all those arguments around the kitchen table between generations? Those who lived through World War II and who remembered Pearl Harbor claimed a clear view of the American mission in Vietnam. But it wasn't so easy for those of us who grew along the national fault lines created by that war and who had no personal memory of Pearl Harbor. The view was much more garbled, the feelings mixed, with cynicism setting in like a fog and lasting well into the Persian Gulf war.

We envied an earlier generation for its strength and courage, but also for the clarity with which it viewed America in the world.

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Life (according to me).

Y'know, I was thinking the other day (yeah, if you think you're surprised, imagine my reaction), and I do believe I've figured out what's wrong with all these new-fangled filmmakers. See, a few years back, it seemed that there was a certain formula one would follow if an action/adventure flick was to be made. Any respectable movie of the genre would include three crucial elements: ninjas, quicksand, and piranhas. A few would stand out from the bunch, and be bold enough to work generically labeled drums of green toxic waste into the plot, but such gems were few and far between.

JON SEWELL

Now, I ask you, have there been any films in the past few years involving a band of shuriken wielding ninja thieves overtaking military institutes? Have any recent heroes fallen prey to the perils of quicksand while trekking through the Amazon, in search of the lost City of Gold? And have you seen any vile industrialists dunking the heads of their incompetent henchmen into oversized tanks of flesh rending piranhas as a warning against future failings? Have you? I think not.

The idea of the movie was that beauty could be seen all around us, unconfined and raw. This exhibit has made the very symbol of that idea into something entirely contrived and stupid.

I don't know about anyone else, but a healthy fear of quicksand and piranhas was pretty much an integral part of my childhood. Every time I'd tromp through my local woods, I'd warily watch ahead for any signs of loose earth that would mercilessly swallow me up. Every bubbling brook or quiet little creek was a potential death trap, teeming with schools of bloodthirsty nasties, unseen, right below the surface. My summer nights, of course, was reserved for my ninja training, as I'd attempt to stalk stealthily through my neighborhood, wooden sword in hand, evading sentries and guard dogs (neighbors and beagles, mostly) by diving behind hushes and fences.

Kids these days, however, have no such masterpieces to stimulate their imaginations. I worked as a camp counselor this summer for nine and ten year old boys, and one day told them about my childhood adventures. They looked at me blankly, and concluded that I had obviously been a dork. Now, that could very well be true, but it sure beats sitting around waiting for the new Linken Park video to premier on TRL, or checking for updates on the Pokemon webpage.

What we need, see, for the sake of our nation's youth, is to get Mark DiSalle, director of classics such as Bloodsport and Kickboxer, to make a movie with Chuck Norris and Michael Dudikoff (of American Ninja fame, for those of you not in the know). The plot, of course, would involve some dude dumping gene-altering toxic waste into the nation's drinking water, forcing our dauntless heroes to infiltrate his compound, which would he defended by a quicksand moat and an army of ninjas. The ninjas, obviously, would be undead, and would hurl flying piranhas at their enemies, knocking them back into the moat. How sweet would that be?! Eh? Eh? Hello?

Ok, well, speaking of not understanding great movies, I hear that this modern art museum in London or something has opened an exhibit "celebrating" American Beauty. Remember the plastic bag clip? Now, I'm not sure on the details, but apparently they've gone and made this big cube that generates a wind current, constantly keeping afloat a plastic bag. I can't think of a better way to define "missing the whole point". The idea of the movie was that beauty could be seen all around us, unconfined and raw. This exhibit has made the very symbol of that idea into something entirely contrived and stupid. And the fact that a museum sponsored it is even more ludicrous. The same goes for guys I talk to who claim to love Fight Club. When I ask what they liked about it, the typical response is "Oh, man, after watching it, I just really wanna go and kick some ass!" Um, sure. You might want to try watching it a second time, fellas. Apparently you fell asleep for about half of it.

All right, it's probably about time that I pulled all this babbling together into some comprehensible point, right? Ok, fine. My point for the week, is, see, we all have to…um…ah hell, who am I trying to kid? I don't have a point. I'm just in an off mood and wanted to ramble. Hmm, I feel somewhat guilty now, as I think I've gone and made all of us just a little bit dumber. Sorry 'bout that. Check in next week, though. By then I'll have read some philosophy, seen some foreign films and made myself all kinds of profound and stuff. Or something.

See you all next time.

J. Sewell is a Voice columnist

Ask Hootz?

Q: My best friend's buyfriend is really nice and good to her. But, there is something I got wierded out about recently. For her birthday, he gave her a photo album. The album contains every single ticket stub from plays and concerts, all pictures of them together ever taken, and even a piece of his hair taped to a page. The cover of the album was made of wood, and he carved both of their initials on the cover. Now, that is a thoughful gift but sounds very obsessive the way he created it. My best friend thinks it's awesome and brags about it, and told me she started to cry when she received it from him. Basically, I get a very weird vibe he has a problem and likes her a little "too" much for just two months. Of course this is her first boyfriend. I'm concerned for her safety, is he a threat to her?

A: Wow, what a gift huh? It does sound a little creepy to us but you have to remember that your best friend knows him io a different way than you do. Maybe he's gone through some bad times and really values people or his loved ones. But, you also have to ask yourself, has this boy of hers shown any other aggressive acts of behavior? Like, calling all the time to know her whereabouts, or surprising her at work or at a "girl's" night out to see what's up. If so, then definitely bring it up in conversation and state that this isn't completely normal behavior on the boyfriend's part of only two months. If these acts of aggressive or obsessive behavior did occur, we suggest speaking immediately with your best friend. As best friends, the advice you give each other can and will have great importance upon your lives. Never hesitate to express your concern towards friends.

Cobain remembered in new book

By James Wilcox
Voice Staff

Book Review
Heavier Than Heaven
A Biography of Kurt Cobain
By Charles R. Cross

Heavier Than Heaven covers all of Kurt Cobain's life, from his birth and childhood, all the way up to the tragic circumstances surrounding his addiction and suicide. An informative insight in the mind of Kurt Cobain, featured in this book are previously unpublished journal entries from Cobain's own journals, as well as information provided by years of extensive research and interviews on the author's part.

While easily comparable to Michael Azerrad's book Come As You Are, once one gets far enough into the book, one realizes that unlike Come As You Are, this book is not about the band that was Nirvana, but about the man who was Kurt Cobain.

The title comes from early in the life of Nirvana when the band was touring with Sub Pop label mates Tad. The tour was called this by a U.K promoter, "Since the two bands shared a deep, heavy sound, and because of Tad [Doyle]'s almost freakish obesity..." (page 139).

The book was released on the tenth anniversary of Nirvana's landmark major label debut of Nevermind which was not only a multi-platinum success worldwide, but was also the album that dethroned Michael Jackson's Dangerous from the Number 1 Billboard spot.

The main focal point of the book is the latter half of Kurt Cobain's life, during Nirvana's slow rise to fame. Cross goes into great detail, based upon his interviews with Cobain's band mates Krist Novoselic, and Dave Grohl, and also journal entries made by Cobain himself. One such entry states, "I decided to use heroine on a daily basis because of an ongoing stomach ailment that I had been suffering from for the past five years... So I decided, I feel as a junkie as it is, I may as well be one." (pages 202-203). Yes, heroin was misspelled in his journal, read the book to find out why.

Other interesting things which appear in the book are a transcription of Cobain's suicide note, black and white photographs, and excerpts from interviews the author did with Cobain's friends and family.

Heavier Than Heaven is a very interesting read and provides, with the facts, amazing insight into the life of Kurt Cobain, as well as the events of Cobain's hours before his suicide, brought together from police reports and forensic evidence reports.

Where Come As You Are was a more flattering piece, with Azerrad's opinions of Cobain and Nirvana mixed with facts, Heavier Than Heaven, is a more factual book which contains little opinion by the author. Still, the book brings to light many interesting facts and insight into the mind of Kurt Cobain. This book is a must for any fans of Kurt Cobain and Nirvana.

HEAVIER THAN
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Incidentally, if you wish to read excerpts from the book, both Spin and Guitar World feature cover stories celebrating the 10 year anniversary of Nevermind's release. There is mention of the book, along with a couple well written articles in Rolling Stone as well, however Brittany Spears' story about not wanting to be treated like a little girl seems to be more important than one of the most influential rock albums of all time.

WSKB is a Radio Station with a new look

By Jed Dion
A&E Editor

Westfield State College's very own radio station WSKB is getting a makeover. Anyone who is familiar with the student run radio station will know about it's "flintstone" equipment and shredded carpets. Cracks snake through the windows looking into the CD library, and one of the CD players has been out of commission since mid last year.

Soon all of these things will be a memory, as a brand new carpet, paid for by SGA, went into the station and CD library on Wednesday of last week. WSKB will also be ready for the school year complete with new studio monitors, new window shades and an additional CD player giving the station three instead of two.

"SGA is paying for all of the new equipment and the new shades and furniture is being donated to us," said Melissa Saporetti, the station's new General Manager. The radio station's looks will be improving for the first time in years. The process, however, has been slow. Originally, the carpets were supposed to be changed last summer, and the broadcast board has been long overdue for an updating.

"I think we're probably one of the only stations around still using spin dials on our board. Most stations have sliding knobs," said DJ Renzi, a member of the WSKB executive board at the recent WSKB general interest meeting.

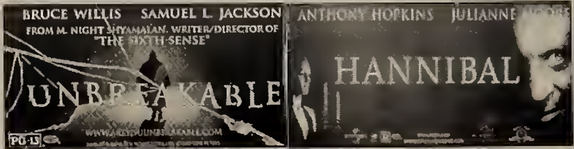
So why has it taken so long to get something done around WSKB?

"We had some problems with our engineer because it would always take him so long to get things back to us. He was able to fix things, but he never really improved things around the station," said Saporetti.

Deciding it was time for a change, last year's General Manager Carmella Rossamando contacted some new engineers. Another factor in the long delay is simply getting the people into the station to do the job.

When racks went up in the CD library last year, it took a while to get the carpenters in. However, once they did, WSKB had a great place to store all of the thousands of CDs that come into the station each month.

With the new engineers aboard, WSKB is looking forward to many new improvements.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View Unbreakable on Tuesday, Sept. 25 and Hannibal on Monday, Sept. 24 on the campus movie channels 56 & 57.

Remembered Pasts

Collin Proctor

Well here it is. Last year I took a novel class where we learned that many novels were written in a serial fashion, that is to say published weekly in journals. So it gave me the idea to write a story like that in the Voice. I had many ideas kicking around in my head but what follows I think is the best one to put out there. This is a love story, which everyone can relate to. Hopefully you who are reading this will like it. If not, I apologize. But I thank you for reading.

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1. Questions

"I don't know what to say."

Mike Shannon looked across the table at the women he used to have feelings for. "Say what you feel. I just spilled my guts to you and I want to know what you're thinking." Mike noticed the familiar tick starting in her eyelid. She was getting frustrated. He put his head down and smiled unconsciously.

"Mike, I know, you are with someone but I still need to say this. I still love you. I don't know how we ever broke up. It just kind of happened, but it happened on good terms I think. I had to go away for work and you were working constantly. Well, I came back. And you're a big reason for that. We both have time now...."

He looked past the tear, and past the painful memories, and out of an old habit, he fell into her eyes.

Mike looked up as she trailed off. He caught a whiff of that smell that only Jennifer had. He noticed the tick in her eye had been drowned away by a swelling tear. He looked past the tear, and past the painful memories, and out of an old habit, he fell into her eyes.

2. A little backgrownd

Like so many romances it started by accident. Mike Shannon was a junior in "THE" apartment on campus. He was at the center of it all. He and his roommates were in the center of campus life. When the weekends came, it was Mike and his roommates who had "THE" party.

Jennifer Green had been a Senior who lived downstairs from Mike's apartment. She had been the star of the soccer team, but early in the season had destroyed her knee, and was forced to spent the first semester in physical therapy. She had withdrawn on herself and could not get over the fact she couldn't graduate with her friends.

On what many consider is a small campus, Mike and Jen had met a few times but didn't really know each other. They had talked once or twice but when they departed ways they usually forgot each other. A few weeks after the start of the spring term there was a party, but what came after is the real story.

3. The Day After

Oh, God, my head hurts." Mike mumbled into his hands. Mike's usually pristine hair was shooting in every direction. His meeting with campus officials was in a few minutes and he felt like dying. "We shouldn't have had the party."

"You're telling me." Mike looked over at the girl next to him. Jen was her name he thought. She lived underneath him.

"You were there last night?" He asked.

"Yeah, my first night back on campus and I get written up. I should never have come back. I've never been written up." she said.

"Well it's your first time...it's my third. If I get nailed, I loose housing." He replied. "Well you said it. You shouldn't have had the party." She glared.

They sat for a few minutes in silence. The secretary came up to Jen. "Your meeting will start in a minute."

"Oh God, I can't do this right now." Jen moaned.

Mike smiled a knowingly. "Well just tell them the truth. They like that kind of thing. If you tell them you were drinking they go easy on ya.

"Of course I'm going to tell them the truth." Jen snapped.

"Well, there's the truth and then there's the truth."

"What are you talking about?"

Mike, still smiling, said "Well, why not tell them we were on a date. We'll say that we just got back from the bar, I was getting some stuff and then we were gonna go to your place and crash."

"You gotta be kidding me." Jen said.

"No I'm not. We were at Davio's, and then we were coming back to sleep. It was only our first date, so we don't know much about each other. Plus I had a little to much so I can't remember what ever you said that night, and you wanted to look after me."

"I'm not going to lie."

"Oh come on. Even if they don't believe you, you don't get in much trouble. Me, I lose housing. I'm screwed. Come on do it and I'll buy you dinner. What do ya say?" Mike looked at her.

"No, I'm not going to lie. Now stop talking to me." Jen crossed her arms and stared forward. A few minutes later she was called into the offfice. Mike waited for a while and the door opened. Jen walked out and stared at him.

"You owe me dinner." And she walked out the door.

Picnic brings together students, faculty, and families

By Laura Gibson
Voice Reporter

On Thursday, September 13, 2001, I spent some time at the "Celebrate Unity Picnic", held on the Campus Green.

The Floyd Patterson Band provided music for this event from 4pm to 7pm. Upon arriving, I noticed that there were families, kids and students together. I spoke to Professor Wefing in the communications department, and he cleared up my confusion about this. He told me this was an opportunity to bring professors' families to a gathering with the students at Westfield State College. He also told me that this was an annual gathering.

Floyd Patterson performed a variety of hit songs which included "Maria, Maria" by Santana, "Mustang Sally,"and "Brickhouse."

There was a break in the music around 5pm. when Vice-President Arthur Jackson came to the microphone thanking everyone for coming out to celebrate unity. He then continued by saying, "If we could please have a moment of silence in remembrance of all the victims of violence and their families."

There was also a raffle for a gift certificates for Sodexho Food Services. The Floyd Patterson Band then came back on around 6pm to perform again.

I took a moment to ask some of the students what they thought of the band as they ate dinner.

"I wish they'd play more original songs and less covers," Michelle Prall, Class of 2003 said

"It's not the stuff I usually listen to, but the music isn't bad." Nicole Clay, Class of 2000 said.

I feel that this is an awesome event to be held each year. It is great to have professors' families come to a gathering with the Westfield State College community.

It was nice to have the band as well, even though I did not care for the music that was being performed. It was nice to have live music in the background as everyone got to eat.

-Photo by Jessie Perrigo

The Floyd Patterson Band at WSC's Unity Picnic

The Three

Chris Pineo

Chapter Two

As I walked toward the elevator I marshaled the guerilla forces of panic rallying in the back of my subconscious. My sensibilities told me something was not right, but still, it had been a long day and something else inside me demanded that I hurry back to my apartment. My tired mind began wandering down avenues of fear and paranoia.

As this was going on inside me, the ring of the elevator as it reached my floor reminded me of my days as a high school athlete. Anyone who has ever competed knows what I mean. When you're about to drop of exhaustion and the buzzer or whistle goes off. It was just like that. Anyway, the elevator's arrival brought a sense of relief.

Once the doors closed and I felt the downward motion I was sure that no one was following me, at least no one who had chosen to take the elevator. If someone was following from my floor they would have had to wait for the next elevator or take the stairs. In either instance, I would be on the ground floor first. This would afford me some time to get to my car.

As the elevator slowed and stopped I felt collected. I stepped into the lobby without trepidation. Everything had the appearance of normalcy. So somebody had left some lights on, so what? I had slipped into one of my skeptical, slightly paranoid moods. It wasn't the first time and it wouldn't be the last. The fact of the matter was. . .

The door to the stairwell was open.

"Maybe I am being followed," I thought. I had managed to anger a few people in my days as a reporter and maybe one of them had decided that it was time for me to pay the piper. One story I had done exposed a local gang's exploitation of tenants in low income housing. Another had caused a man with some mob ties to lose a local election. All of my stories I fancied as having a positive affect on the community. What if...

"Stop," I said out loud, hoping that actual words would help reign in the wild horses of my paranoia. I quickened my pace as I came onto the dark streets. The recent rain gave the air that dank musty smell. The cool air caused steam to roil off of the sewer covers.

I glanced across the street at a smoking silhouette of a trench-coated figure. The broad shoulders told me that it was a large man. And even though I couldn't see his face the change in his demeanor told me that he had noticed me.

As I additionally quickened the pace to my car, the figure made it his business never to let me out of his sight. He matched my pace but remained on the opposite side of the street. I maneuvered through the light foot traffic of the Manhattan night. When my pursuer was accosted by two women of the Manhattan night, I ducked down an alleyway.

Taking the chance and employing my quick feet, I hoped to evade him. The alley was dark and it was the kind of piace only an embattled New Yorker like me would feel any measure of what one might term safety. At this point my pulse was racing, and all that mattered was that this was the quickest way to my car.

I felt like I was in a slasher film. You know the kind. You run away from whatever the threat is. No matter how many times you look back and see the pursuer safely behind you, when you get wherever you're going, they're already there.

I turned the corner, and there, leaning against a street light and lighting anouther cigar, was the trench-coated figure. I cautiously stepped out of the darkness and sprinted. I was in my car before he looked up.

The figure moved deliberately and quickly, before I had the car in gear the passenger door closed behind him. I know what you're thinking: "Why hadn't I locked the doors?" Well not everyone in the 21st century has power locks. And when I noticed him moving for the passenger side door, I had hesitated. When he spoke, it was one word. "Drive. . ."

-Tune in next week for part 3 of The Three

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O-Town charms Big E crowd

By Katie O'Connell
Voice Reporter

The Big E (Eastern States Exposition) in West Springfield is the only place in the world where you can pet a goat, eat ice cream from Vermont, and see O-town, the teen pop sensation of "Making the Band," all in one night. When I arrived at the Big E at 4:00 pm, I was shocked to see the swarms of people already accumulating at the AT&T Broadband Stage.

Though my intent on coming to the Big E was to see O -Town and get a good seat, I couldn't help but visit the Avenue of Agriculture first. If you grew up in the suburbs like I did, it would be rare to come in contact with pigs, sheep, goats, cows and llamas up close and personal. Though farm animals are cute, they smell wretched so my immediate trip to see the farm animals was a short one. Another perk of the Big E is the Grand Mardi Gras Parade. It's a little bit Mardi Gras with a little bit of local flavor. Many 4H-clubs marched in the parade as well as the Future Farmers of America. The highlight of the Parade was the Mardi Gras portion because the participants threw plastic beads at the crowd. The floats and costumes of the Mardi Gras are beautiful as well, and the parade is certainly worth seeing.

Before I made my way back to the AT&T Broadband stage I had to visit the Avenue of States. It's basically a quick review of what Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island have to offer as far as food, crafts, and culture.

Unfortunately, I missed O-Town's opening act because I was at the amusements playing the Age game. Luckily for me, the age guesser guessed my age wrong and I won a prize. Finally 8:00pm came around and it was time for the O-Town concert. The band O-Town is comprised of five members: Ashley Parker Angel, Erik-Michael Estrada, Dan Miller, Trevor Penick, and Jacob Underwood. They came together through a rigorous audition process on a reality show called "Making the Band" airing on ABC. O-Town has been very successful on the Billboard Charts, as well as having two sold out concert tours.

I was quite impressed by the crowd O-Town pulled in. I was expecting to waltz right in and get a seat but a mass amount of pre-teens, teens and their parents beat me to it. Though I had to stand, I found the concert very entertaining. O-Town opened with 'Take Me Under," from their self-titled debut album. It was a powerful song that really got the crowd going.

Each member of O-Town did a solo cover. Jacob sang "Come Together," by the Beatles. He put a Michael Jackson twist to it with moon walking. Trevor covered 'Friends in Low Places," by Garth Brooks. The crowd had a lot of fun with this one, especially the chorus. Erik's solo was "Purple Rain" by Prince. I think this was a good song for him because it accentuated the voice I didn't know he had. Ashley performed 'Name," by the Goo-Goo Dolls. His performance was very soulful and it also showed the audience that he could play guitar. I honestly can not remember what Dan sang. Perhaps it was because he was the first one and I wasn't expecting solos from each one of them.

Halfway through the concert, O-Town serenaded a girl from the audience on stage. She was about thirteen with O-Town written on her forehead in magic marker. Everyone was jealous to say the least. They sang their two love songs "Shy Girl," and "Painter," to her. A highlight of the show for me was when O-town performed "Love Should Be a Crime," also from their album. Unlike all of their rhythmic pop songs, "Love Should Be a Crime" sounds like something you would hear from a band like Blessed Union. It displayed their vocal harmony, versatility and Jacob and Ashley's guitar playing. O-Town closed with their TRL hit "All or Nothing. " This song went over the best with the crowd because they knew it. O-Town crooned and the crowd swayed and sang along harmoniously. As soon as O-Town escaped the stage, we were entertained by an outstanding Fireworks display that rivaled the Fourth of July. But hey, what do you expect --the Big E has a lot to offer!

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Owls' Fourth-Quarter Blitz Stuns Fitchburg

FITCHBURG, Mass. - Senior running back Shawn Lyman rushed for 135 yards on 27 carries as Westfield State rallied from a 15-0 fourth-quarter deficit to defeat Fitchburg State 28-15 in New England Football Conference action.

The Owls improved to 2-0 overall and 1-0 in the Bogan Division of the NEFC with their second consecutive come-from-behind victory. Fitchburg dropped to 1-1 and 0-1.

Westfield's offense - minus starting quarterback Chris Lapointe (bruised hand) - was nearly nonexistent in the opening three quarters. But the Owls began ripping off big chunks of yardage in the fourth quarter spurred by the running of Lyman and freshman back Don Jones, in addition to two touchdown passes from senior quarterback Jesse Phelps.

"This is unreal," said Westfield State head coach Steve Marino after the dramatic victory. "I am just in awe of the kids. They have no quit in them.

"We made a simple blocking adjustment where our fullback took their outside linebacker. Plus, we stayed away from No. 99 (senior end Craig Levesque). And our offensive line did a great job."

With Lyman gaining big chunks of yards around right end, the Owls' capped their first scoring drive on a 31-yard pass from Phelps to senior wide receiver David Eaton. Phelps then threw to sophomore Matt Yvon for the two-point conversion with 12:39 remaining.

Yvon scored Westfield's second touchdown with 8:42 remaining on an excellent pass-run play covering 27 yards down the left sidelines. Ryan Clifford kicked the extra point to tie the score at 15-all.

Westfield took the lead, 21-15, with 5:01 remaining on a 3-yard touchdown run by Jones. On the previous play, the shifty rookie tailback scampered 48 yards down the right side before being knocked out of bounds at the three.

The Owls' hard-hitting defense - which held Fitchburg to minus-3 net yards rushing - got the ball right back on a pass interception by linebacker Mike Hurteau near midfield. Westfield continued to dominate the line of scrimmage and scored on Phelps' 7-yard scamper with 1:21 remaining.

The Falcons led 8-0 at halftime as its defense recorded a safety and freshman standout kicker Ben Langham kicked field goals of 42 and 43 yards, the latter a school record. Fitchburg took what appeared to be an insurmountable 15-0 lead with 1:42 remaining in the third quarter on Sean McGuire's 62-yard touchdown interception return.

The Owls only had negative five yards rushing on 20 carries in the first half, but finished the gam with 172 rushing yards on 49 attempts. Their two quarterback completed 7 of 20 passes for 16 yards.

Fitchburg was held two 65 ne yards in total offense, which included a 41-yard halfback optio pass on its first play of the game an a 36-yard rush in the fourth quarter.

Junior middle linebacker Josu Zamora of Hartford, Conn., led th Owls' fierce defensive charge wi 15 tackles, including 12 solos, fiv for losses of 23 yards, and a sack Hurteau, from Troy, N.Y., poste six tackles, a fumble recovery, and an interception. Junior end Joh Cloutier of Chicopee registered fiv tackles, including three for losse

Westfield Awarded $5,000 Grant For Sports Nutrition Training

The Westfield State College athletics department has been awarded a $5,000 Division III initiative grant in the area of student-athlete welfare entitled "Sports Nutrition Training for Student-Athletes and Coaches" for the 2001-2002 academic year.

A primary objective of this initiative is for student-athletes to learn healthy eating and hydration habits that will maximize their performances during practices and competitions. Warning signs for eating disorders, use of supplements, and healthy cooking habits also will be presented.

Approximately 350 Westfield State student-athletes and 35 coaches will benefit from the grant.

"We are very elated to receive this grant from the NCAA," said Westfield State College assistant athletics director Nancy Bals, who submitted the grant proposal. "The desired impact is that the student-athlete will feel better and perform better as a result of receiving this information, and the coaches will be informed and will be able to "coach" nutrition to the athletes."

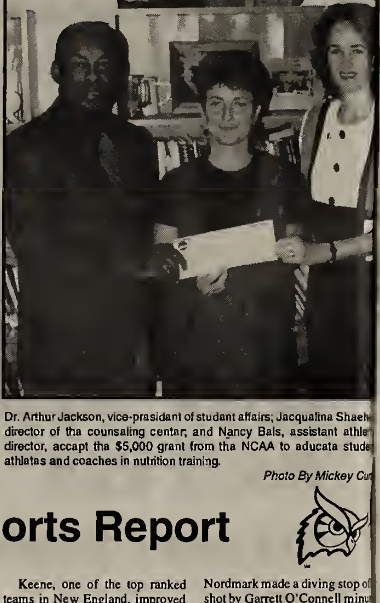
The Westfield State counseling center also is involved with the initiative grant as well as the evaluation process. Arlene Thompson, a registered nutritionist who is already contracted for individual sessions at the Westfield State counseling center, is now able to make presentations to the student-athletes as a result of the grant.

Thompson, who is the nutritionist for the U-Mass Amherst athletic teams, spoke to the Westfield State fall varsity sports teams during their pre-season camps.

"I was very pleased with Arlene's presentations," said Bals. "The student evaluations indicated that they had learned quite a few new things. This is what our NCAA Champs/Life Skills program is all about - educating athletes on and off the field."

A presentation for female athletes participating in winter and spring sports is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 26. Additional workshops include a presentation to male athletes, with an emphasis on nutritional supplements, in November, and healthy eating habits and cooking techniques from a popular chef next semester.

"The NCAA Division III initiative grant program has been established as part of a three-year plan by the Division III Initiatives Task Force, consistent with the Division III strategic plan," said Dan Dutcher, chief of staff for NCAA Divison III. "We were impressed with the level of interest and enthusiasm in the grant program demonstrated by the Division III membership. The selection committee selected Westfield State College's grant from the 56 student-athlete grants submitted."



Dr. Arthur Jackson, vice-prasidant of studant affairs; Jacqualina Shaeh director of tha counsaling centar; and Nancy Bals, assistant athle director, accapt tha $5,000 grant from tha NCAA to aducata stude athlatas and coaches in nutrition training.

Photo By Mickey Cu

Westfield State Fall Sports Report

Men's Cross Country

NORTH DARTMOUTH - The Westfield State men's cross country team placed 17th in the 22-team U-Mass Dartmouth Invitational.

MIT won the meet with 60 points followed by Tufts (62) and Trinity (73).

MIT's Dan Feldman won the 8,040 meters race with a time of 24:43.2. Westfield's top finishers were junior Tom Bousquet of Chicopee (42nd, 26:27.24) and freshman Geoff Churchill (60th, 27:00.22).

Women's Cross Country

NORTH DARTMOUTH - The Westfield State women's cross country team placed 16th in the 22-team U-Mass Dartmouth Invitational.

Brandeis won the meet with 61 points followed by Trinity (86) and Connecticut College (92).

Connecticut College's Maura Danahy took first with a time of 17:25.87 over the 5,000 meter layout. Westfield's top finishers were: freshman Sara Cooons of Lanesboro (80th, 20:16.03), junior Catie Geldert of Otis (89th, 20:28.22) and senior Starr Hockenberry of Southwick (20:33.01).

Women's Volleyball

Westfield Sweeps Tri-Match

WESTFIELD - Westfield State posted straight-set victories over Fitchburg State (30-16, 30-14, 30-15) and Salem State (30-24, 32-30, 30-21) in its Mass. State Conference opening matches.

Junior Katelyn Foley and senior Katie Simlick recorded 20 and 16 blocks, respectively, to lead the Owls to the sweep.

Women's Volleyball

Williams 3 - Westfield 0

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State women's volleyball team lost to a tall and talented Williams College team in straight sets (30-15, 30-21, 30-20).

Williams improved to 7-1 and Westfield State dropped to 4-3.

Junior Katelyn Foley recorded seven kills and 12 digs for Westfield and senior Katie Simlick tallied six kills and 13 digs.

Field Hockey

Plymouth 3 - Westfield State 1

PLYMOUTH, N.H. - Plymouth State College scored three second-half goals to post a 3-1 come-from-behind victory over Westfield.

The victory gives Plymouth a 3-2 overall record and a 2-0 conference mark, while Westfield drops to 1-4 overall and 0-2 in the conference.

Plymouth outshot Westfield, 11-3, in the first half, but the Owls got the only goal of the half as sophomore Theresa Yacovone of East Longmeadow scored at the 18:35 mark. It was Yacovone's fourth goal in the past three games.

Plymouth outshot Westfield, 25-5. Westfield junior goalie Jill Annunciata registered 11 saves.

Field Hockey

So. Maine 2 - Westfield State 1

WESTFIELD - Westfield State dropped its Little East Conference field hockey opener to Southern Maine, 2-1.

Southern Maine's Sasha Ilkovich scored two second-half goals. The game-winning goal came with 16:22 remaining and the second goal was scored four minutes later. Sophomore Theresa Yacovone scored for Westfield with 1:16 left in the game.

Women's Soccer

Keene State 3 - Westfield State 2

WESTFIELD - Keene State survived an upset bid by the Westfield State women's soccer team to edge the Owls, 3-2, in overtime.

Keene, one of the top ranked teams in New England, improved to 6-1. Westfield dropped to 1-4.

Westfield took the early lead on an unassisted breakaway goal by freshman Liz Rosales. Keene tied the score with 35 seconds left in the first half on an unassisted goal by Jessica Williams.

Keene took a 2-1 lead 16 minutes into the second half on a direct kick by Katie Parkinson. Westfield sent the game into OT on a direct kick just inside the left post by Ali Jordan with 6:16 left in regulation.

Keene won the game 12:30 into the first overtime on a goal by Celena Chickering, who received a nice pass from Williams.

Westfield was outshot 9-6 in the well played game.

Men's Soccer

Keene State 3 - Westfield State 0

KEENE, N.H. - Second-half goals by Casey Banks, John Harke and Francisco Vasconcelos and the strong play of goalie D.J. Nordmark lifted Keene State to a 3-0 victory over Westfield State on Sept. 19.

Keene improves to 4-2, while Westfield falls to 1-4.

Both teams had chances to get on the board in the scoreless first half. Nordmark made a diving stop of shot by Garrett O'Connell minu into the game. D.J. Conway, w finished with five stops, saved penalty kick by Mike Monteiro.

A key stop by Nordmark of J Calabrese's shot from close ra ignited Keene's offense in the se ond half. A minute after the sa Banks tipped the ball into the l corner of the net.

Men's Soccer

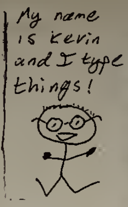
Eastern Conn. 2 - Westfield 0

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. - T Eastern Connecticut men's soc team limited Westfield State C lege to 10 shots on goal and sen Geoff Zimmitti and Josh Wa scored their first goals of the seas to lift the Warriors to a 2-0 win

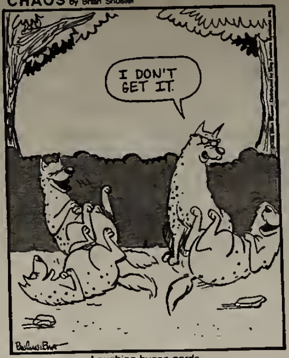
Westfield had four prime opp tunities to score but came up em on each. Eastern goalie Art Lubniewski dove to his left with minutes left in the first half to sn of quick shot by Peter Fager. Steve Jorge hit the crossbar minute later.

Five minutes into the second h Jay Chelo hit the left post wit drive and Chris Whalley blaste 25-yard direct kick just wide of post with 15 minutes left.

Comics

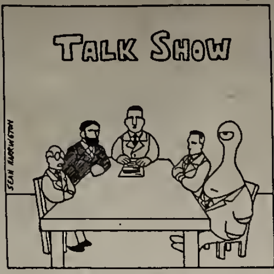

My name is kevin and I type things!

CHAOS by Brian Shuster

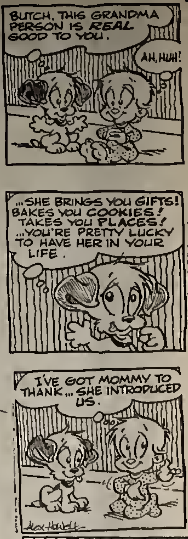

I DON'T GET IT.

Laughing hyena nerds.

SKUNK WORKS by Sean Harrington



"Welcome to the show. Tonight we have a panel of experts to discuss alien abductions."


BUTCH, THIS GRANDMA PERSON IS REAL GOOD TO YOU.
AH, HUH!
...SHE BRINGS YOU GIFTS! BAKES YOU COOKIES! TAKES YOU PLACES! ...YOU'RE PRETTY LUCKY TO HAVE HER IN YOUR LIFE.
I'VE GOT MOMMY TO THANK... SHE INTRODUCED US.

ACROSS
1 Bar brews
5 Attack on a castle
10 Bride's headgear
14 Head of the Catholic church
15 Guru's land
16 Keep a motor going
17 Tennis term
18 Flash
19 Garfield pal
20 Bounce
22 More foxy
23 Corrode
24 Indonesian island
26 "I've —!"(expression of disgust)
29 Young
33 Sends out
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36 "Lovely —, meter maid"
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61 Shipshape
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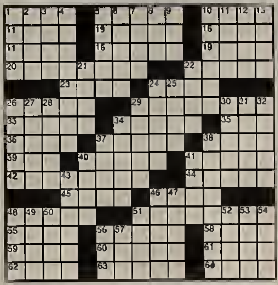

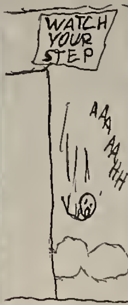

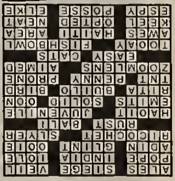

Personals

Tia in Public Safety gets off on being rude.

Greg- Quick, where's the closest mushroom?

6am, another chick in the house...Hello, Campus Center, can I help you?

Senior Convocation rules!! Free food!!!!

Your bag is ringing.

L: Hey, you just gave me a wedgie!
M: Ooh, can I pick it?

1A1=Dirty

1B1=Clean

Who are those girls in the Dick 4C hallwy who keep bombing around like it's their job?

Way to get your munch on!

Ooooh, that was fun! Do it again!

I miss you Tweety -Birdy

PUYA -3C2

Kathleen, Meredith and Laura are the coolest chicks EVER!!

Katelin, thanks for coming out.

Bah.

I would like you so much more if you hadn't kicked me in the teeth.

Matt R, will you find a place to live! -Loser

All this campus needs is an emo/punk band called Watch Your Step...

the Juice vs the Franchise...NBA Street...tonight!

Why are the intramural softgames always cancelled?

Skor bars are good

The pact is intact.

1st Senior Days event - Friday, Sept. 28, 6-9 p.m. Just $3, buy tics at Teller Window. Come with your friends and enjoy music, munchies and alcohol service! (Don't forget your Hawaiian shirts!)

My girlfriend is gonna fire me for sure.

Ami and Ima...one word for you...SNORT!

Watch out, there's a gigantic snake with razor sharp teeth right under your bed right now! -Croc Hunter

May God be with those whose loved ones be with God...and those who suffer from this place where hate has brought us -LCJ

Jon's looking for a cute little alternative girl.

If it weren't for the monkeys, I'd just give the whole thing up.

I'll kick your butt to heck and back.

Kevin's stupid, 'cause he was at Best Buy and didn't even buy a mouse.

I sat on Tim's sandwich, and now I smell funny.

Danielle is the hottest girl ever.

Let's Boogie.

your boyfriend is a lucky guy...i mean, that other girl he hooks up with each weekend is hot!!!

It was going well untill I puked.

Senior Convocation - Mon., Oct. 1, Scanlon Banquet Hall @ 5 p.m., dress is semi-formal. Return slips to box at Teller Window or to SGA (lower level Ely) by Sept. 24!!!

MC+TM

"Sheena is a punk rocker"

In case you were wondering, Live is a good band.

Campus Voice staff vs. WSC Groundscrew at the Nook.

That guy has a massive face.

I think I met some mobsters downtown.

pigtails.

People who are mean when they're drunk shouldn't drink. Yeah, that means you.

What was he doing in Montreal???

2C1 girls are CRAZY!!

My apartment has a big banana.

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events

Mon 9/24	5:00 p.m.	Trip to Big E	W. Springfield, MA
	7:00 p.m.	MassPIRG General Interest Meeting	Lower Ely
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Enemy at the Gates"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 pm.m	Movies: "Hannibal"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Tue 9/25	5:30 p.m.	SGA Meeting	SGA Room
	7:00 p.m.	Volleyball vs. Mass. College	P-gym
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Soccer vs. Brandeis	Alumni Field
	8:00 p.m.	Movie: "Unbreakable"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movie: "What Women Want"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Wed 9/26	4:00 p.m.	Booking Space on Campus	Third-World Room
	4:00 p.m.	Field Hockey vs. Fitchburg	Fitchburg, MA
	4:00 p.m.	Helping Friends w/ Disabilities	Scanlon Living Room
	4:00 p.m.	Men's Soccer vs. Western N.E.	Springfield, MA
	7:00 p.m.	Jazz Night	E-main lounge
	7:30 p.m.	Better Grades in Less Time	Dever Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Dracula"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "O'Brother, Where Art Thou?"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Thur 9/27	3:00 p.m.	Trip to Big E	W. Springfield, MA
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Soccer vs. Western N.E.	Alumni Field
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Nurse Betty"	Cable Channel 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Family Man"	Cable Channel 56 & 57
Fri 9/28	4:00 p.m.	Trip to Big E	W. Springfield, MA
	4:15 p.m.	Gay Straight Alliance	Ely 232
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Vertical Limit"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Wedding Planner"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Sat 9/29		**WSC Family Day**	
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Vertical Limit"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Wedding Planner"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Sun 9/30	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Vertical Limit"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Wedding Planner"	Cable Channels 56 & 57

USEFUL INFORMATION

JUST THE PLAIN FAX

AS SGT. JOE FRIDAY USED TO SAY--"JUST THE PLAIN FAX MA'AM." A PUBLIC FAX MACHINE HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN THE ELY CAMPUS CENTER MAIN LOUNGE. INSTRUCTIONS ARE EASY TO FOLLOW. PRICES ARE OUTLINED FOR EACH USAGE.

NEED CASH FAST?

Fleet Bank ATM located in Ely Campus Center Main Level.

GOING SOMEWHERE?

Bus /Train information available at the Campus Center Service Window

At your service..........

NEED A WASH?

Golden Nozzle car wash coupons on sale for $4 at the Campus Center Service Window. Make your car happy and clean!

DON'T FORGET!

Get your Fall ID stickers at the Campus Center Service Window

WANT SOME CULTURE?

Check out Springfield Symphony Orchestra schedule at the Campus Center Service Window. Student vouchers for $6

ELY CAMPUS CENTER GAMES

Games are located in Ely 131. You must present your student ID in order to take games out.

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Dining Commons

Mon-Thurs 7:30a-7:00p Fri 7:30a-6p
Weekends 10:30a-1:30p & 4:30p-6p

Health Services

(Nurse on duty) Sun 4p - Fri 4p Sat 10a-6p
(Dr. on duty) Mon-Fri 10:30a-1p

Wellness Center

Mon-Wed 7a-10p Thur 7a-9p Fri 7a-7p
Sat 1p-6p Sunday 4p-9p x5500 pool info

Library Hours

Mon-Thur 8a-11p Fri 8a-5p
Sat 1p-6p Sun 1p-9p

Bookstore

Call x5657
For Hours of Operation

Subway

Mon-Fri 8a-11p Sat 12p-11p
Sun 1p-11p

Events are free & open to the entire college community unles otherwise noted.

To have events published on The Back Page please E-mail thecampusvoice@hotmail.com

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	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Brothers"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Hannibal"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Tue 10/2	5:30 p.m.	SGA Meeting	SGA Room
	6:00 p.m.	Volleyball at Mass Maritime Academy	Buzzards Bay, MA
	7:00 p.m.	Field Hockey vs. Worcester	Alumni Field
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Enemy at the Gate"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Nurse Betty"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Wed 10/3	4:00 p.m.	"Publicizing Your Events"	Third World Room
	4:30 p.m.	Campus Activities Board	SGA Room
	5:00 p.m.	Jazz Night	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Coffeehouse	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Wedding Planner"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Thur 10/4	4:00 p.m.	Creating Multicultural Learning Communities	Scanlon Banquet Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Volleyball vs. Westner N.E.	Parenzo Gym
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Dracula 2000"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "O' Brother, Where Art Though?"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Fri 10/5	4:15 p.m.	Gay Straight Alliance	Ely 232
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Family Man"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Unbreakable"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Sat 10/6	TBA	Cross Country vs. Western N.E.	Springfield, MA
	12:00 p.m.	Field Hockey vs. UMass Dartmouth	Alumni Field
	12:00 p.m.	Football at Maine Maritime	Castine, ME
	2:00 p.m.	Men's Soccer at Salem State	Salem, MA
	3:00 p.m.	Women's Soccer vs. Eastern Conn.	Willimantic, CT
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Family Man"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
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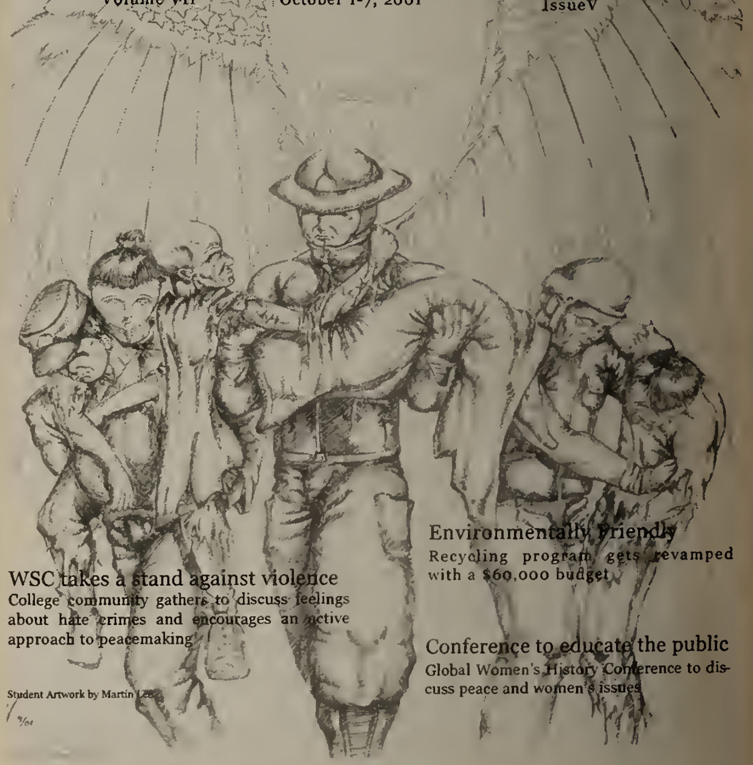

Student Artwork by Martin Lee

9/01

WSC takes a stand against violence

College community gathers to discuss feelings about hate crimes and encourages an active approach to peacemaking

Environmentally Friendly

Recycling program gets revamped with a $60,000 budget

Conference to educate the public

Global Women's History Conference to discuss peace and women's issues

Forum

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ourselves, Young said. "Looking carefully into history is the way to find the truth about people," she said.

"How much pain are we in to hurt someone else?" Young asked. " Call on people to look into their hearts and into history."

It is our freedom that is at stake, Dr. Usha Zacharias of the Communication Department said. "If I had not stopped any of the hate crimes, then I have failed as a human being. It is my freedom that is at stake if I don't do something."

"There have been 150 documented hate crimes," said Zacharias. These crimes include verbal and physical assaults on people of Arabic and Muslim descent.

According to Zacharias, the code words for the mission against Afghanistan are "Infinite Justice." Justice is good versus evil and the United States is always seen as good, she said. "The only thing that is good is human knowledge and the only evil is ignorance."

"It is ignorance which we've been a part of and it is our responsibility to fight ignorance," Zacharias said.

Dr. Kamal Ali of the Urban Education Department, said he worked in New York City when the World Trade Center was being built. The World Trade Center took three years to build and only minutes to destroy, he said.

"I am a Muslim African American and this country is very intolerant of people who are different," said Ali.

" The law of the Koran has said that if any innocent person is killed and they have not caused mischief in the land, then it's as if all human kind is killed." Ali said. "If an innocent person is saved and they have not caused mischief in the land, then all humankind is saved."

"A person was killed in Arizona because he looked Arabic and the media did not report on it. How do we protect our family and children against the violence that will maximize as this goes on?," Ali asked.

"My challenge to all of you and to my family is to seek knowledge about conflict then act upon it. The farthest thing from my mind is what the future will bring," said Ali.

Kendra Kachadoorian, a student of Lebanese Armenian descent, said she has been threatened since the attacks on September 11, 2001. Her mother told her to hang low, to stay out of danger, but Kachadoorian said, "I will not hide and I will not run from this."

"To be angry at the angry serves no purpose. Forgiving the angry may be our biggest challenge."
Prof. Nessim Watson
Communications Dept.

"Hate of any kind can not be accepted or condoned," Kachadoorian said. "Our country is angry and overwhelmed and it's okay to be upset. But we can't take out our actions on others."

"We have to take action against these hate crimes," said Ted Gardner of the Communication Department. "If one student or person on this campus has been harassed, then we've all been attacked."

"One of the impulses I've had in the past nine days is to reconnect," Vice-President of Academic Affairs Dr. William Lopes said, when referring to connecting with family since the terrorist attacks.

"You will need to have the courage, strength and support to say to those around us that we don't agree with them," Lopes said when discussing witnessing hate crimes.

"We must bring an end to the hate crimes and we must do this by ourselves," Lopes said.

Conference

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ers and U.S. academics who attend the conference will focus on other themes, such as nuclear disarmament, religion, communalism, state and organizing at the grassroots.

The press release also stated that the conference will offer the general public the opportunity to learn more about the women of Pakistan and India, what sort of challenges they face in their countries and how they are organizing to face these challenges.

According to the GWHP, these women will be present at the conference to educate students, faculty and communities about the work that women across the globe are doing in areas concerning health, violence against women, education, housing, politics, labor relations, the arts, cross border projects and anti-nuclear activism.

Women from all around the world are invited to learn from one another at this assembly.

Mangaliso said that last year's conference pulled 200 attendees. "More attendees can be expected at this year's conference because of Pakistan, which has been pulled to the center of the current conflict," she added.

All members of the conference will attend a session open to the general public that will begin at 7p.m. on Thursday, October 25.

Opening remarks will be made from President Frederick Woodward and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs William Lopes. The keynote addresses of the evening will be given by Urvashi Butalia of India and Nighat Saeed Khan of Pakistan.

Friday and Saturday of the conference weekend will hold presentations by delegates from 9a.m. – 12p.m. Workshop sessions led by these delegates will be from 2 - 4p.m. All events will be open to the public.

Among the speakers for those events include a representative from women's activist groups in Kashmir, who will discuss the current crisis between India and Pakistan. Bangladeshi women will also be present to discuss issues relevant to Bangladesh.

The conference will close on Sunday with a retreat session for delegates and a special session for the public from 2 - 4p.m. This session is entitled, The Meaning of Religion and Politics in Everyday Life: U.S., India, Pakistan perspectives.

To register for the October Conference, please call 413-572-5580 or go to http://www.1.WSC.MA.EDU/GWHP.

Tickets are on sale for $25 and lunch will be provided for an additional $5. Preregistration is strongly encouraged and must be received by October 18. For more information, please call Dr. Elise Young at 413-572-5343 or Dr. Zenge Mangaliso at 413-572-5502.

From the Editor's Desk

In this issue there is a preview story on the upcoming Global Women History Conference that will be taking place at the end of October. This conferenc consists of four days of talks and workshops to focus on such issues in Pakistan an India as peace, the impact of the global economy on women, and the violence tha occurs against women. I believe that it would valuable to all in this college com munity to attend some of the events that are being put on for the conference and t hear the delegates from these countries speak first hand about the problems they fac daily.

As a result of the recent terrorist attacks, Americans are starting to open up the eyes more to the world around them. News concerning countries we barely kne existed now catch our attention as we try to learn what is happening in the rest of t world. Our sheltered and protected lives have shattered and we now come to t realization that we do live in a global society.

The need to learn about our world comes with realizing we live in a global soc ety and learning about the topics presented at the conference can help us with tha need. Many of us have no idea what life can be like in the countries we are now hear ing on the news. Americans don't quite understand the oppressive situations of th people who are citizens of the third world, oppressive situations especially f women.

In Afghanistan, the country that we are now ready to declare war on, a grou called the Taliban run the government and have created an oppressive environme for its people. It wasn't always this way though. In the middle of the 1900's cou tries like Afghanistan were beginning to make progress in women's rights, and eve 50 percent of the Afghan workforce during those times were women. In the 1990 however, Islamic Fundamentalists came to power and have denied Afghan wome many of their basic human rights. Afghan women cannot attend school. They ca not leave their homes alone. The are not allowed to see a male doctor if they becom ill. All women's recreational facilities in Afghanistan bave been banned, and fema singers are not even allowed to sing. Women cannot show their faces in public, a they cannot wear bright colored clothing or shoes with heels that click. It is believ that the sound from clicking heels corrupts males.

In Pakistan, the country America now needs to have on our side, women ha begun to make strides, but they still suffer from oppressive actions, laws, and trad tions. In 1999, over 1,000 women in Pakistan were victims of honor killings. The killings are the practice in which male relatives kill a female relative if they have a suspicion she has participated in any sexual activity, even if it was rape. Rape is ve common, so an honor killing for rape happens often, and the men are even look upon as heros after the killing. The government in Pakistan has failed to process a treat these killings as murders.

All over the world young girls are sold into lives of prostitution and slavery their own family. In India there was a case where a 10 year old girl was rescued a flight attendant who noticed her crying. The girl had been sold to a 60 year o Saudi Arabian man for the equivalent of $240.

Since we now realize we live in a global society, we have to learn about it. must learn about the conditions many suffer in other countries to understand w shares this earth with us and to understand the beliefs and values of those we are n forced to deal with. We must learn so that we can try to improve the world we live in. While women's issues in these countries are only one part of learning ab the culture and society that exists in them, it is one that we have an opportunity learn about at the Global Women's History Conference from those who have lived first hand.

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Trash

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The problem doesn't only exist on the campus. There are littering problems at the athletic field and 333, said Don Willey head of the Maintenance Department.

"We need to have more support from the students," Willey said. "It is hard to enforce doing the right thing when there is nothing stopping the students from littering."

"Littering should never be a problem, said Anna Rucker, student at WSC. It's just the result of lazy people. "Placing additional trashcans around campus, having signs and instituting fines to those who are seen littering might help solve the problem."

There are no signs on campus that say NO LITTERING and they can't enforce any fines for it. There is also no way to fine for littering, because only the state has the authority to levy fines on state property, said Curt Robie, head of Facilities and Operations. "It is hard to point the finger in situations like this."

"I never noticed littering was an issue before, but students should take pride in where they live and go to school," said Caitlin Maloney, senior at WSC.

Littering does not only affect the looks and cleanliness of the campus but is also effects the e Starting in October, the college is implementing a recycling program to educate students, faculty, and staff on the importance of recycling, Robie said. The program may also help to eliminate some of the excess littering on campus.

"We just hope the courtesy of the students improves," said Robie. "Hopefully student's will start to help out and put some effort in keeping the college clean."

Recycling

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week" at Parenzo Hall sometime in October, according to Robie.

Students will take the required items (bottles, cans, office paper, newspaper and cardboard) down to an intermediate bin located in common areas of the dormitories. Students will have their choice between a 3 and 6 gallon recycling container for their room.

James Rovezzi, Staff Assistant of Environmental Services, will be heading up the operation in his second year with the college. "Our first-year goal is to recycle between 25 and 30% of our solid waste stream," said Rovezzi, a veteran of previously successful recycling programs.

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> **James Rovezzi**
> **Staff Assistant of Environmental Services**

"Our biggest problem is going to be to change people's habits," he said.

The key to the new recycling program, for Rovezzi, is making recycling as easy as possible for everyone.

Teacher and administration personnel will have their role in the form of desktop recycling boxes for office paper and depositories for their cans, bottles and cardboard, according to Rovezzi.

Rovezzi hopes to expand on the program in the future once they have "captured" WSC's rising waste output. He envisions 30-yard containers holding massive amounts of recyclable material hauled by the college's own garbage truck.

"I feel very optimistic about it. It's an extension of what kids have been doing at home," Rovezzi said. "Students will be even more gung-ho about it now," he added.

Coupled with the new recycling effort, which has been strongly backed by WSC President Frederick Woodward, is a push towards using post-market paper products and the recycling of computers, light bulbs, hazardous waste, pesticides and batteries.

"I think this is a program that is long overdue," Woodward said, stating that the $60,000 budget will be an ongoing allocation of funds for future improvements in the recycling system.

A post-market paper purchasing effort by WSC in 1997 earned them the "Commonwealth of Massachusetts 1997 Buy Recycled Award by a University" awarded by the Secretary of Environmental Affairs.

Other environmentally friendly programs from by the college include composting of leaves and grass on the South Slope, across the street from Juniper Park Elementary School.

SGA

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in the student population, Woodward said there are plans for a new residence hall.

Even though the college is looking at site plans for a location to build the new residence hall, Woodward said that they are "trying to keep the beauty of WSC intact."

"Students will have to pay for the new residence hall," Woodward said. "The state does not pay for residence halls," said Woodward. "So it's up to the college to pay for them."

Another building that is in the works is an academic/athletic facility, said Woodward. "The new academic/athletic facility is right on target and will be breaking ground next spring."

Woodward said this facility will house a field house as well as the Movement Science Department.

Next, Woodward compared the size of this new facility to the 333 building which houses the Criminal Justice Department and also administrative offices. The academic/athletic facility will be 80,000 square feet, said Woodward. "While 80,000 square feet may not seem like a lot, the 333 building is only 54,000 square feet."

Other changes around campus, Woodward said, included changes to the Dining Commons as well as changes to the apartments.

"We have been spending a lot of time over the past two years renovating the apartments," said Woodward. "So do not try to punch a hole in the wall."

Another future change includes putting cameras in South Lot because of the amount of vandalism and break-ins that occurred over the past few semesters, Woodward said.

Off of the subject of changes around campus, Woodward briefly talked about how the world has changed since the tragedies of September 11. "The more that you talk about it, the better it will be," he said.

In other news, Angela LaPierre, SGA Vice President of Programming said they raised over $100 for the American Red Cross Relief Fund through the Fall Concert Fest, held on Sept. 22.

The first coffeehouse of the semester will be held on Wed., Oct. 3 from 8-11 p.m. Anyone interested in performing can call the SGA office at x5429 or can signup on the list located on the secretary's desk in the SGA room in lower Ely.

President of SGA, Shane Eldredge, motioned that the doors of the meeting be closed. The motion was seconded and the senators voted unanimously to close the doors of the meeting. Anyone in the room that was not an official member of the SGA was asked to leave the room, including Father Dean and Vice President of Student Affairs, Arthur R. Jackson.

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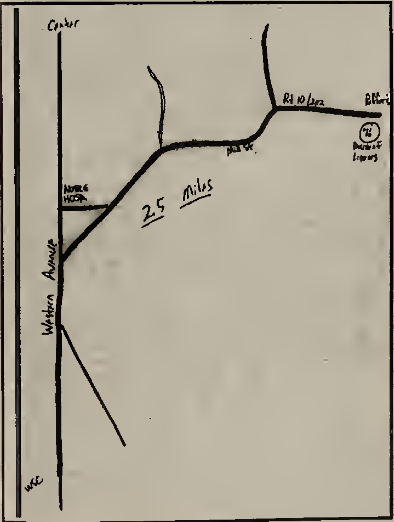

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White Bears and Mutated Gene

The Washington Post

The ``Spirit Bear," a rare white bear that lives in rain forests along the British Columbia coast, gets its unusual coat color from a genetic mutation affecting pigment production in hair, researchers have learned.

Native peoples venerated the white bears, also called Kermode bears, as reminders of the Ice Age. They belong to the same species as black bears, have dark eyes and pigmented skin, and are found most frequently on three islands off the province's northern coast.

Geneticist Kermit Ritland and colleagues at the University of British Columbia discovered that Kermode bears have a mutation in the gene for the melanocortin 1 receptor, a surface protein on cells called melanocytes that regulates pigment production in response to a hormone made by the pituitary gland. By analyzing DNA in hair samples obtained from both white and black bears, they established that the mutation is recessive: A bear must inherit two copies of the mutated gene, one from each parent, to have a white coat. Different mutations in the same gene are involved in producing the colors of golden retrievers, golden Labradors and Irish setters.

On islands where both black and white bears are found, black bears carrying one copy of the mutated gene were less common than would have been predicted mathematically, suggesting that an influx of black bears may have reduced the gene's frequency or that white bears may be at some disadvantage in the competition for survival or mates. The research was reported in the Sept. 18 issue of Current Biology.

The new Pentagon pays off in saved lives.

STEVE VOGEL
WASHINGTON POST

Blackened cables dangled from the Pentagon ceiling like jungle vines. Windows were shattered, some by the blast, others by firefighters battling the blaze. Walls were greasy with soot and covered with markings scribbled by firefighters and FBI agents showing what rooms had been searched for evidence and bodies.

Conference rooms, spanking new two weeks ago, sat festering with mold caused by water damage so bad that some areas have been quarantined until they can be cleaned.

In some rooms, it was as if time had stopped. Neatly arranged on the coffee table in one Navy office was a soot-covered newspaper from Tuesday, Sept. 11.

``Life's changed a lot since then," Lee Evey noted ruefully.

Evey, the man responsible for renovating and now rebuilding the Pentagon, was cataloguing the work that lay ahead as he explored the corridors damaged in a terrorist attack.

When the hijacked jet crashed into the building's west face, claiming what is feared to be 189 lives, it managed a direct hit on an area where work crews were just finishing a three-year, $258 million renovation.

``It's all shot now," said Evey, a program manager who served as an Army infantry officer in Vietnam.

Still, his dismay at having to start from scratch is tempered by his conviction that the renovations particularly the expensive structural reinforcements helped contain the damage and save lives.

After all, the terrorists' weapon of choice an airliner loaded with jet fuel toppled the lofty towers of the World Trade Center but left the squat Pentagon largely intact. Workers were back in many offices the next day, and two-thirds of the Pentagon is now deemed usable.

``You have emotions on opposite ends of the spectrum," Evey said during a tour inside some damaged sections last week with The Washington Post, the first provided to any news organization. ``This is four years out of my life, and a lot of other people's lives. But on the other hand, it worked like it was supposed to and saved lives, and that makes you feel good."

As he spoke, industrial fans were humming in hallways, trying to blow out the smell of smoke hanging in the air. Workers in hard hats, some wearing surgical masks, moved down corridors, visible only by the flashlights they held.

``This is what I think is remarkable," Evey said, gesturing to a blackened object in the corridor. ``Look at this glass display case. It's not cracked."

Even more remarkable was what happened to many workers whose offices sat above or within what is now a gaping hole.

The structure held and did not collapse for about 30 to 35 minutes, giving those workers time to escape. ``People in those offices all got out," he said.

Evey attributed much of that to structural safety upgrades that came with the renovation project.

Blast-resistant windows $10,000 a piece were installed. Steel framing added support to concrete walls. Kevlar cloth was applied between steel beams to catch fragments in the event of an explosion.

``None of that stuff is inexpensive, and normally, you put it in, and nobody sees any benefit whatsoever," Evey said. ``Unfortunately, in this instance, you got a payback in an instant. The plane hit it, and the taxpayers got their money's worth in a fraction of a second."

When he first studied detailed photographs of the collapsed section of the building, Evey thought it looked incomprehensible, as if someone had dumped apuzzle atop a table. But the more he looked, the more he saw rhyme and a reason.

Maroon bands visible in photos were six-inch by six-inch steel beams bolted together floor by floor. They were still holding large portions of the collapsed structure together.

In recent days, Evey said, his office has been flooded by e-mails from Pentagon workers, some of whom escaped from offices where the hole now stands and wanted to say thank you.

-File Photo

Rescue workers survey the damage at the Pentagon

``I've had more hugs in the last week than in the last three years," said Frank Probst, a renovation official. The worst-damaged areas are still a crime scene, with recovery of remains continuing. But even some of the lesser-damaged areas, which Evey controls, have serious problems.

In some areas, the soot damage is intense, greasy to the touch. ``It's as if you spray-painted everything black," Evey said.

Even worse is the water damage. Evey opened the door to a brand-new Navy conference room and was greeted by an overpowering musty smell. Water came in through doors, and in the warm, stagnant air, mold was growing up through walls and onto leather chairs.

``A lot of this we'll just smash down," he said.

Firefighters had broken down the door to a nearby room filled with brand-new fiber-optic telecommunications equipment. It will all be pulled out and replaced because of smoke damage.

The plane hit Wedge 1, but on a diagonal route that took it into the unrenovated Wedge 2. While some parts of Wedge 1 were destroyed, significant damage extends much farther in Wedge 2, which, unlike the renovated section, had no fire sprinklers. ``The fire just took off," Evey said.

Workers are putting up construction walls that will allow employees to continue working in undamaged portions of Wedges 1 and 2 while repairs are underway.

Since the attack, Pentagon officials have leased 800,000 square feet for employees from the damaged areas, on top of the nearly 1 million square feet of work space already leased for employees displaced by renovation.

The Pentagon has already put out contracts for much of the repair work. ``Contrary to popular opinion, the American government can work quickly when necessary, even us old bureaucrats," Evey said.

Experts on blast and structure analysis some of whom worked on previous attacks such as Oklahoma City are being brought in to ``tell what happened to this building, why it happened, how to best rebuild," Evey said.

The current design, which places the secretary of defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff and many other high-ranking officials in the outer E Ring offices, some with nice window views, doubtlessly will be rethought.

``We're looking at all kinds of things in terms of lessons learned," Evey said. ``There are common-sense things we want to look at."

Before the attack, the renovation was expected to be completed about 2012, a time frame Evey said is still valid. ``It's our expectation now we'll still be able to make up that time and get this done on schedule," he said.

Evey kept finding bright spots on his tour. He walked around a cafeteria so new it had not even opened crunching shattered glass scattered all over the floor. Someone had written in the soot in the salad bar: ``We will build anew."

Evey gazed up at the skylight, a feature he had been particularly proud of. ``Isn't that amazing?" he said. ``It's not even cracked."

Poverty rate falls but trouble looms

JONATHON PETERSON
LOS ANGELES TMES

WASHINGTON-The percentage of Americans living in poverty fell to 11.3 percent last year as the benefits of a growing economy brought new wealth to most U.S. regions and historically disadvantaged population groups, the Census Bureau reported Tuesday.

In glowing testimony to an economic expansion that might be past, poverty declined by broad measures across racial groups and household types. Overall, the number of U.S. residents living in poverty fell by 1.1 million, to 31.1 million. For a family of four, the poverty line in 2000 was $17,603; for a family of three it was $13,738.

The data pointed to some cooling in household income, with certain groups and regions experiencing modest declines. Median household income, the level at which half of households earn more and half of households earn less, was $42,148, just below record highs.

But analysts cautioned that the upbeat figures might reflect a golden era that has ended, given the many woes that beset the U.S. economy. The census figures are based on a March survey in which 50,000 households were asked questions about last year.

Today's rising unemployment, declining consumer confidence and economic turmoil sparked by the terrorist attacks suggest that short-term reductions in the poverty rate might prove hard to come by in the near future, experts said.

``While 2000 was a banner year for reducing poverty, it's likely to be the high-water mark for a while," cautioned Robert Greenstein, executive director of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a liberal public policy center that closely studies poverty issues. ``Forecasters believe we're in a recession, and poverty always rises in recessions."

The record low of 11.1 percent was set in 1973, but census officials Tuesday said the new figure of 11.3 percent half a percentage point below the 1999 rate was statistically little different.

The census report provided evidence that much of the country, including many of its least affluent residents, continued to experience economic gains as recently as last year. In 2000, the poverty rate declined for the fourth consecutive year.

Despite gains at the bottom, however, the economy was characterized by sharp disparities, according to the report:

The 22.1 percent poverty rate for blacks was almost double the national level, yet it also represented an all-time low for that group. The 22.2 percent level for Latinos also matched the group's low. Female-headed households also experienced a much-higher-than-average poverty rate of 24.7 percent, yet that percentage rate also represented a new low.

Poverty rates varied widely. The 10.8 percent figure for Asians and Pacific Islanders matched the group's record low. The 7.5 percent figure for non-Latino whites also matched the previous low.

Poverty levels declined in California, New York, Arizona, Florida, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia. New Mexico, Louisiana and the District of Columbia had the highest rates of poverty.

The Northeast was the only region where median household income rose faster than inflation. Yet overall, the median household income of $42,148 slipped just below the record of $42,187 in 1999 a performance that census analysts said was extremely strong.

The pattern of income gains also was apparent among minority groups that often measure below average in wealth. Median household income for Latino families climbed to a high of $33,447; for blacks it also set a record of $30,439. Income measures for whites and Asians matched the previous peak levels of those groups $45,904 for non-Latino whites and $55,521 for Asians and Pacific Islanders.

Aaliyah: How to Market Her Act: Plans for the Future

Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD-Warner Bros. had big plans for Aaliyah. After ``Queen of the Damned" and ``The Matrix" sequel, the studio hoped to cast her in an updated remake of the 1976 musical ``Sparkle."

Aaliyah and her mother had read the script, studio officials said, and Aaliyah was passionate about playing the lead role of a young singer in a girl group such as Destiny's Child, who steps forward and becomes a singing sensation.

When script rewrites weren't ready in time, however, production executives opted to wait until she had completed other work. The ``Sparkle" project is now on the back burner, according to studio executives.

Howard Rosenman, who produced the original ``Sparkle," said he and producer Linda Obst also had their eye on Aaliyah for their own project called ``Ghetto Fabulous," which tells the story of a singer from small town America who wants to make it big.

``Her management called me about it and I think she even read the project," Rosenman recalled. ``We were interested in her, yes. She had that thing, that dual talent that is so hard to find. She could sing and act. She had a powerful career arc. And she was very beautiful and young all those star qualities."

Survivor Recalls Shock of Shark Attack

The Washington Post

The only survivor of the Labor Day weekend shark attacks in Virginia and North Carolina remembers being attacked and recalls being ``shocked" as she realized what was happening, she said in a statement.

Natalia Slobodskaya, 23, of Oakton, Va., said she is not ready to speak publicly about the incident.

``I do remember what happened to me very well," Slobodskaya said in a statement released last week by doctors at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, where she is in fair condition. ``I was very shocked. It was a great loss for me, and I do not want to talk of it now."

Slobodskaya and her fiance, Sergei Zaloukaev, 28, also of Oakton, were swimming just offshore near Avon, N.C., on Sept. 3 when the shark attacked. Zaloukaev, a computer consultant, was killed.

Slobodskaya, a George Washington University graduate student, lost a foot and was seriously wounded in her side and upper leg.

Cards and letters from well-wishers and friends, Slobodskaya said in the statement, have ``helped me through this most difficult time in my life due to the loss of Sergei, the love of my life. . . . I am grateful for all the warm words."

Jeffrey Riblet, who has been treating Slobodskaya at Sentara, said she has been fitted with a prosthesis and is practicing walking.

``She's progressed very rapidly, more rapidly than we all thought she would," he said.

Journalists worry about limits on information, access

HOWARD KURTZ
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON _ In 1988, Pentagon officials circulated word that a U.S. aircraft carrier would be delayed in heading to the Persian Gulf, where Iran and Iraq were at war, and the story was promptly leaked to a network correspondent.

The information was wrong the carrier was quickly dispatched to the region and the military brass were pleased.

``We actually put out a false message to mislead people," said Jay Coupe, then the spokesman for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. ``The idea was not to give information about the movement of our carrier. We were trying to confuse people."

As the administration gears up for what President Bush has described as a new kind of war, many journalists are growing concerned that they will have less information and less access to U.S. troops than ever before. Even the use of deliberate disinformation cannot be ruled out.

``This is the most information-intensive war you can imagine. ... We're going to lie about things," said a military officer involved in the planning. ``If it is an information war, certainly the bad guys will lie."

Whether that comes to pass, senior administration officials have made clear in recent days that much of the operation will be shrouded in secrecy.

``Let me condition the press this way: Any sources and methods of intelligence will remain guarded in secret," Bush said. ``My administration will not talk about how we gather intelligence, if we gather intelligence and what the intelligence says. That's for the protection of the American people."

At a briefing Friday, White House press secretary Ari Fleischer was pressed about what proof exists that alleged terrorist Osama bin Laden was behind the attacks in New York and Washington.

``You have the right to ask those questions," he said. ``I have the responsibility not to answer them."

In time of war, Fleischer said in an interview, ``some things the public wants and demands to know; other things they're satisfied they need not know. The press is caught in the middle, and it's frustrating for the press. This administration will be committed to full disclosure of information, which keeps the country strong, while making certain that no information is disclosed that could lose lives or undermine missions."

Journalists, of course, cannot report such information without sources in the government, and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has strongly cautioned potential leakers of classified information that ``the lives of men and women in uniform" could be jeopardized.

Pentagon spokeswoman Torie Clarke has been consulting with numerous journalists and plans to meet with Washington bureau chiefs this week.

``Our inclination, our desire, is to put out as much information as possible, without, of course, compromising any operations," she said. ``We're very much working on this together."

Clarke said the Pentagon would try to have journalists accompany combat troops, or at least ``pool" reporters who share their information, although ``there may be some operations where it's just not possible."

More than military information is at stake. Attorney General John Ashcroft is no longer disclosing the arrests of material witnesses in the probe of the Sept. 11 attacks, citing the confidentiality of grand jury proceedings.

And after the Justice Department said 115 potential suspects had been detained on immigration charges, spokeswoman Mindy Tucker said the figure was wrong and that no further estimates would be made public.

In the wake of the president's ultimatum that Afghanistan's Taliban regime turn over bin Laden or face the consequences, the Pentagon is ground zero.

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``The information flow has really clamped down," said Mark Thompson, defense correspondent for Time magazine. ``It's not surprising. It's frustrating but also somewhat understandable. We're in a new kind of war and they don't want to telegraph any of the punches, and I'm not going to sit here and grouse about that."

In past conflicts, journalists were allowed onto military bases to interview the departing troops, which generated a wave of sympathetic coverage while sending a clear signal to American adversaries.

CBS News national security correspondent David Martin said government officials are playing ``a different game now."

``They used to hope that if Saddam Hussein or Slobodan Milosevic saw the nature of the force being arrayed against him, he might relent," Martin said. ``In this case, there's no real prospect that the Taliban is going to meet these demands. This force is definitely going to be used."

Retired Air Force Gen. Perry Smith said the administration's approach is justified. ``Rumsfeld's trying to clamp down on everything and, at least for the moment, he's been very successful," Smith said. ``In Kosovo and the Gulf War, keeping secrets wasn't all that important because everyone knew the bombing campaign was coming.

``Now, with a lot of special operations stuff and going into dangerous countries, if you telegraph what you're going to do, it might cause a lot of deaths."

But Thompson suggested a different motive, saying that attempts to capture terrorists will be ``like a professional ballplayer more misses than hits. I don't know how much attention the military will want focused on repeated forays into the mountains of Afghanistan that come up empty."

Military attitudes toward the news media have undergone a sea change over the past 35 years. During the Vietnam War, journalists had free rein to accompany U.S. troops, and military leaders blamed that unfettered coverage for helping turn the country against the war.

In the Persian Gulf War, the Pentagon slapped severe restrictions on the press, even censoring some dispatches, and made it all but impossible for journalists to accompany U.S. forces during the brief ground war.

The public clearly sided with the first Bush administration. Nearly eight in 10 Americans in a 1991 Times Mirror poll supported the Pentagon's restrictions on journalists, and 60 percent said there should be more limits.

Terror network worldwide, complex

DOUG STRUCK
THE WASHINGTON POST

MANILA, Philippines Abdul Hakim Murad washed his hands, and broke a basic rule of bomb-making.

When the water mixed with chemical residue in the kitchen sink of unit 603 in the Dona Josefa Apartments here in 1995, it set off an eruption that would reveal the inner workings of a clandestine terrorist cell allied with Osama bin Laden.

It also revealed a plan that gave a chilling preview of the attack in New York and Washington on Sept. 11.

Arrested and tortured by Philippine intelligence agents, Murad told the story of ``Bojinka" ``loud bang" the code name bin Laden operatives had given to an audacious plan to bomb 11 U.S. airliners simultaneously and fly an airplane into the CIA headquarters in Langley, Va. all after attempting to assassinate Pope John Paul II.

The plot in the Philippines, which was recounted to U.S. investigators at the time, appears to be a model of the methods, aims and structure of the network that bin Laden's followers have assembled in dozens of countries around the world. Members of this diffuse confederation of radical Islamists, drawing inspiration, funding and training from bin Laden's al Qaeda group, have provided the foot soldiers and some commanders for his core organization for attacks on U.S. citizens.

These cells, the groups that host them and any country that allows them to operate within its borders are now the declared enemies in the U.S. war on terrorism.

An examination of operations linked to bin Laden's network in five countries the Philippines, Jordan, Uzbekistan, Yemen and Egypt shows how difficult the fight will be.

Despite common organizational patterns and ideology, the terrorists fighting for bin Laden's cause come from diverse locations and backgrounds. Some have long ties to bin Laden and al Qaeda. Others have acted nearly autonomously, undetected by authorities until the last moment before an attack, or after one had occurred.

The Philippines plot of 1995 had many hallmarks of an operation mounted by terrorists tied to al Qaeda, which means ``the base." According to Philippine intelligence reports obtained by The Washington Post, the attempt to bomb the airliners was meticulously planned and well financed, and involved preparations in countries across the globe, including the United States.

Intelligence records indicate the precise flights that were to be targeted: United 808, Delta 59, Northwest 6, and others. The records included calculations to determine when to set the bomb's timer on each flight. They also included the names of dozens of associates, and photos of some; a record of five-star hotels; and dealings with a trading corporation in London, a meat market owner in Malaysia and an Islamic center in Tucson, Ariz.

The intelligence records list flying schools in San Antonio, Schenectady, N.Y., and New Bern, N.C., where Murad trained as a commercial pilot. They describe how money moved through an Abu Dhabi banking firm. Bar hostesses were bribed with gifts and holiday trips to open bank accounts in which to stash associates' funds.

The plotters also included in their plans the motives for the mission, in a manifesto recovered by investigators: ``The U.S. government gives military aircraft to the Jewish state so the Jews can continue fighting and killing. All of this is a result of the U.S. government's financial and military support of the Jewish state. All people who support the U.S. government are our target."

The Cut

CHRIS WARD

"Masspirg's first meeting was last night. It's a good organization staffed by good people, hut I have the same complaint I've had for two years now...cleaning a lake half the state away is fantastic work, but what happened to acting locally? We still have no campus recycling program, so I act locally by waiving the MassPirg fee on my student bill and give to charities doing some good right here.

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Recycling is another issue. The problem is our own self-centeredness, but I'll get to that. The way it is now, we have to save cans and bottles in our homes (which reeks), clean them (which is nasty), sort them (which is worse), then deliver them to some local center and turn them in (I've got better things to do). For what? Pocket change and a fuzzy feeling? Well, friends, if you can live without that four bucks then I've got a better way AND you still get the warm glow all over.

First back to the self-centeredness. As you know, countless people across America (and hundreds in this city) live in abject poverty and one of the ways these unfortunate souls suppliment their income is by recycling. They pick through every trash can and Hefty bag they come across, from the end of your driveway to the city dump, and collect what they can for what they've found there. The money is then used simply to live or drink for another day.

Enter Suzi Soccermom in her matching warmup suit and Dodge Durango with a load of anally scrubbed, meticulously sorted cans and bottles (for extra credit?). Somehow managing to squeeze this run in between her glass cutting and Cajun cooking classes, she "does her part" at the Big Y and almost chuckles as she throws $2.75 into the armrest. Burning way too much gas racing home while singing "Forever in Blue Jeans" (and badly), the money is quickly forgotten. Seeing the point?

Whether you bring cans in yourself or not I can almost guarantee that at some point your Mountain Dew or Natty Ice will be recycled by someone who needs the money a heck of a lot more than you. In fact, I'll say how selfish and greedy it is of you to deny those less fortunate the opportunity to use that can towards a hot meal. Instead, why not recycle by proxy and help those less fortunate? You'll get twice the good feeling for none of the effort.

One problem solved, on to the issue of the exploited workers in overseas sweatshops. The fix for this is even simpler... If our government is truly concerned, then it should immediately offer tax incentives and shelters to Nike and Reebok, among others, so that they can build even more overseas factories. More factories means more workers are required, and once an area has exhausted its labor pool this will increase the demand for labor and eventually raise wages. No more exploited workers... at least until the union organizers show up.

Okay, that's The Cut this week, quick and dirty. To recap: If you want to save the planet, recycle once removed to help the homeless and then let's build more sweatshops. Oh, and eat plenty of red meat. Eat it in a topless resteraunt, and on the way home hit a squirrel on purpose (they're rodents, you know). These are just suggestions.

Peace and balance.

C. Ward is a Voice Columnist

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Wednesday, October 3, 2001
Wilson Auditorium C

Kevin's Korner

I would like to add to my last column, regarding the situation the United States could face in Afghanistan. I would urge anyone interested in becoming involved in the peace movement to contact the American Friends Service Committee in Northampton, at 584-8975. This group is also involved in protesting the crippling sanctions on Iraq, which have killed about a million children over the past eleven years. Unfortunately, these issues will likely continue for a long time. The world can only hope for a peaceful solution.

KEVIN HEATON

I would also like to commend Jon Sewell for his comments two weeks ago. All too often, I have felt like a loner on this and other issues. Don't get me wrong. I definately love and support our country! I just don't want to see us start something too big to handle. The Vietnam War, after all, was started by sending over a few "advisors".

If anyone has any more comments regarding this issue, please express them. I am always looking for suggestions for this column. You can email me at Kevwsc@hotmail.com. I would appreciate any ideas.

I am working with other students to start a new club called "Common Ground". This group is geared toward students with disabilities, their friends and anyone else who is interested. Our goal is to make this campus more welcoming to such students. We'll be meeting each Thursday at 4:00 in the Davis Hall Commons Room. We are not looking for people to feel sorry for students with disabilities, but to accept them as "normal". For some of you, this may be the craziest thing you've ever read! I urge you to come to the meetings with an open mind and then decide.

Anyway, I hope everyone enjoys the long weekend. Just remember who really discovered the Americas, and what Columbus did to them. Many Native American groups protest on Columbus Day to raise awareness to the fact that his arrival was the beginning of genocide against them. Isn't it ironic that our country remembers both Columbus and Martin Luther King!

I would suggest calling Columbus Day "Native People's Day", and spend it celebrating their cultures. Notice that I have pluralized this because, contrary to popular belief, there are many native cultures, just as there are many forms of each religion. They were not, and are not, "savages" running around with tomahawks. For more information, I would recommend Ronald Takaki's "A Different Mirror", or Howard Zinn's "A People's History of the United States".

K. Heaton is a Voice Columnist

A student's feelings about recent tragedies and hopes for peace

My first reaction to this awful tragedy that happened on September 11 was of course shock, sadness then fear. Then I thought, what's going to happen in the future? I heard President George Bush's speech, which I found predictable. I've been following the news since this attack has occurred, and I know that most people just want to declare war on Afghanistan and wipe them out. I know too that there is another side, which are the American people who are against any bombing or if further, war. I was first torn between both sides, but now I feel we shouldn't bomb them.

I made this decision based on what could happen in the future. If we do go to war or bomb Afghanistan, wouldn't it make sense for them to retaliate back? I think that more American people (soldiers and civilians) will be killed as a result, which we don't want to happen naturally. Also, if we bomb Afghanistan, innocent women and children will be the victims of something they did not cause. I blame the media for not mentioning what will happen to the innocent people. If it was mentioned, that might change the views of some people.

It is great to see America come together to help one another. It shows the bright side of human nature. Yet, I don't feel we're at complete peace because Islamic people are being viewed in a negative way in America. There have been confirmed harassments, hate crimes, etc. So, I feel bad for those being discriminated against. Also, President Bush said something that bothered me a little bit. He said, "We are the greatest nation in the world." I don't know why, but that bothered me. I think it's because that quote seemed to be so arrogant. Imagine how other countries would feel just by hearing that. I am not saying we should not be patriotic and not proud of being American. I just think men declare war. "But it is the youth that must fight and die." I thought that was an appropriate quote on how it can relate to how the youth will possibly be drafted. I'm against going to war. Shouldn't I have the right to not want to fight? It is scary for how little say we have for this issue. That is the way I see it.

Those are just a few of my points. Either way, I respect everyone's opinions. I just fear that the end result will be anything but accomplished.

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Nose Knows...maybe

Well, I don't know if I'll be able to write a column as well as my old RA, who's also a Voice columnist, but I am certaintly going to try...or at least keep you from putting this down. I figured that I would talk about the lack of organization and work done here at WSC this past summer. When I left this past spring, for instance, there was a HUGE hole in front of Davis Hall. Upon returning to campus, I was shocked to find that the hole was no more, but the rest of campus lacked something to be desired.

KRISTINA MARTINELLI

First things first...after pulling off the Mass Pike and driving through Westfield (a fun chore on any day), I find myself on Western Ave. Can YOU drive down the road without hitting any manhole covers? Nobody can, and I'll bet we've all noticed the various hubcaps laid out on the side of the road. Nice decoration, huh? This is one task that probably should have been finished before the semester started. I mean, who wants to wait for the PVTA when they can walk to 333 and enjoy the fresh air? The sidewalks were closed last week, though, so you had to.

Ahh, the DC. Who isn't complaining about the "new and improved" cafeteria? The set-up looks nice when nobody's in there at 7:30 in the morning, but wait untill 12:30, and you can hardly tell what line you're in. This is especially true on chicken patty day, when the line runs all the way past the cereal bar. I thought that the food quality and service was supposed to increase, not the headaches. At least the lunch ladies are nice.

Next we come to the Internet. It's not too bad, I guess, since I hear that in some dorms you can get to your inbox within an hour. I can't. My inbox won't even open. I can get through ten well played out games of minesweeper on the second level before a new page will open. I hear some people in the apartments are having the same trouble.

Mud, mud, everywhere, but where are the mud pies? You couldn't have missed the large roped-off areas in front of Ely that were present the first week of school. How could you? Ok, so that chore went a couple weeks into the semester, but now that the new cement slabs are laid, there's a bunch of dirt. They started moving the dirt around a week ago, and now they're roping that area off too. They had it roped-off last semester. If we cross the line are we in a biohazard area or something? I don't get the game.

I guess my last gripe would have to be about Lammers Hall. I do like living here, despite the shoulder level showerheads. I did, however, find the first week here hard to tolerate. How many fire alarms did the other buildings have? Last count, I think we've had four. Thank goodness we aren't going to be charged, because they were all malfunctions...go figure. The problem is fixed now, but I doubt that the fire alarms started randomly going off right when students moved back in. Funny joke.

I didn't mean to bash the ground's crew. I know a lot got done this summer. It's just that they should have done the more noticeable stuff first.

Well, this has been my first column. If you are reading this, then I guess you either read the whole thing (thanks for not putting it down), or you are one of those people who like to read the ending first. Either way, cool. I can't take all the credit...my roommate helped. I don't think that my next column will be so negative. It's just that the opportunity was there. I do like it here, really. Go Owls!

And for all of you wondering, Nose is my B-Girl name.

K. Martinelli is a Voice columnist

Life (according to me).

Every so often, I get this strange urge to write something of value. Last week's column, the one about the need today for more movies with ninjas and piranhas, wasn't a great example of this. Nah, when this mood hits, it's gotta be something controversial. I'm talking about a column that'll result in hate mail or something. Then, the topic of abortion came up in a couple different classes, and I realized I had this week's topic.

JON SEWELL

All right, first, a little background. Some of you might have read my column last year. In one issue, I claimed to not take sides on this sort of debate. Anyone remember that one? No? Ok, never mind then. Quick review: My argument, basically, was that individuals were more important to me than political stances or ideologies. I made the claim that the staunchest pro-lifer may well change his or her tune once their daughter comes home with an unwanted pregnancy. Likewise, a crusader for a woman's right to choose might find out first hand that there is a lot more to it than a simple decision and procedure. The fact is, I thought I knew exactly what my beliefs about this were, until someone close to me was faced with the decision. I'm telling you, when it hits close to home, things change. That doesn't mean, though, that I don't have any thoughts on the matter. I've got several, actually. Ready? Ok, here goes:

Yes, I do believe that abortion is taking a life. Yet, it could very well be a woman's right to do so. This is an entirely different issue, and the one that I don't have as strong an opinion on.

As far as I'm concerned, abortion is taking a life. Period. I suppose the common argument against this is that the resulting collection of cells isn't properly a "life" until a few months after the fact. A good friend of mine, though, countered this with an eloquence that I can't hope to match. The gist of it, however, was like this. He told me to imagine the woman of my dreams, the girl I wanted to spend the rest of my life with. He asked me to imagine that she and I decided to bring a child into the world. Then he asked me when the "magic moment" occurred, the very moment that our love manifested itself as a new life. Does it happen a few months down the road? Is this woman of my dreams simply carrying a group of cells one moment, then a precious life the next, the sudden change occuring unbeknownst to her as she chats with a client on the phone? Or, does life occur at that very moment, the moment of conception? There's simply no question in my mind. Granted, the argument is pretty elementary, but it sure won me over. I know I tend to see the world in terms of a silly romantic ideal, but to look at the issue in any other way just seems so...cold. Ask yourself. When is that "magic moment"?

Now, before all you pro-choicers begin mixing up Molotov cocktails to hurl through my apartment window, let me expand on this. Yes, I believe that abortion is taking a life. Yet, it could very well be a woman's right to do so. This is an entirely different issue, and the one that I don't have as strong an opinion on. The fetus is completely and totally dependent on the woman, so maybe it should be her choice whether it will continue to grow and mature. That, however, is a tricky argument to defend. I mean, an infant is completely dependent on it's parents, right? Obviously this doesn't give them the right to kill their baby. Still, I would never expect a woman to bear a child that was a product of rape, or continue a pregnancy that would endanger her life. Is it fair, though, to allow abortions for some, and not for others? Who would decide this sort of case?

I've heard many people say that abortions should be legal if the woman made an "honest mistake". Yet, they claim, if a couple was too irresponsible to use protection, then they "deserve what they get", and that abortion should not be used as a form of late birth control. Isn't that, however, using a child as a sort of punishment? "Sorry, kid, but it looks like you've been born into a family that doesn't want you. You'll most likely suffer long-term damage for it, but I guess that's the breaks, right? It's nothing personal, see. It's just that your parents need to learn a lesson". Is that really in the best interest of the child, whose life we're so eager to preserve?

Amid all these questions, one thing remains clear: abortion is bad, and it would involve a decision more difficult to make than anything I've ever experienced. I hope I gave you some ideas to think about, but really, this goes back to not taking firm stances on these topics. I'm far more concerned with letting my loved ones know that if they need me, I'll be there for them, to support them in whichever choice they make. Because frankly, I just don't know.

See ya next week.

J. Sewell is a Voice columnist

Men's soccer coach responds to student

I am glad that Brian Mazzone expressed his opinions in the Campus Voice. Evidently people were discussing my decision to meet with my players on Tuesday. I always welcome people questioning me, because I believe that I either have good reasons for my decisions and I want those who feel differently to understand them, or I don't have good reasons for my actions and need to change my approach.

Frankly, I struggled with the decision to practice or not all day. I also had to sort out the best way to handle the 170 people that work for me.

I discussed our school's policy with our Athletic Director. I was informed that coaches could cancel practice or meet with their teams based on the coach's opinion of what was best for the team. I then called three other local colleges and spoke with the athletic directors at the schools. All three are wonderful people who care about their students. Yet they came to totally different conclusions on how to deal with this tragedy. One had cancelled all practices. The other two schools were strongly recommending that every coach meet with their players to determine if any players had friends or relatives that might be in danger. If so, they wanted the coaches to support them in accordance with their player's desire. Two of the school's representatives pointed out that athletes spend more time with their coach over four years than any other faculty member on campus. With that in mind they felt their coach might be the faculty member that the players would be most comfortable talking to on such a terrible historic day. If no one on the team had anyone directly involved, the coaches were directed to ascertain what the players felt most comfortable doing. No one in the world could possibly think that a game had any significance compared to the tragedies that were occurring in our country. No one with a heart coold ignore the pain that every American felt as this tragedy that was occurring. Coaching is more than teaching a sport. It should involve having a positive effect on each player's life providing them support emotionally, socially, physically and academically. I felt I should spend some time with my players on what was sure to be one of the most difficult days of their lives.

This approach made a lot of sense to me. I am very proud that in my four years at Westfield, my teams have been very close, doing nearly everything together and really caring about each other. We spend 21 weeks together each year on the field and they spend even more time together off the field. On such a horrible day, it made sense to me to get together with them.

Everyone makes decisions based on their experiences. Mine were definitely different than those faculty members that work at the school. The state closed down all state facilities. I spent the day at work. We, like most business gave our employees the opportunity to choose what they wanted to do. They could go home, stay at work or gather in an office where I set up a television so those that wanted to could watch this tragedy unfold with their friends / co-workers. Some chose to work, some went home and some were glued to the television while others drifted between watching television and working. Each employee found what he or she was most comfortable with. I received an e-mail today thanking me for this approach. This person's sister worked in the affected area in New York. He chose to stay at work with the support of his co-workers. This was the best way for him to cope with his concern. He was happy he was given a choice and grateful for the support he received.

I took the same approach with my team. I first checked to see if anyone had friends or relatives in danger. We then discussed what the team wanted to do. They wanted to have a light practice. Before we started I encouraged anyone who would be uncomfortable practicing to do whatever would make them most comfortable. I assured them that my primary concern was their comfort and I would fully support whatever decision they made.

In short, I believe it was my job to be with my employees and players that day and that I should not assume what was best for them but should let them decide for themselves.

I had other thoughts that I pondered before deciding to meet with the players. Would meeting with the players put them at greater risk? If we didn't meet/ practice was there anything we could be doing instead that would help the situation? The answer to both on Tuesday seemed to be no. Everyone copes with things differently. Some want to be alone, others want to be with friends. Some want to watch every detail, some want diversion. Some are quiet and somber others can't stop talking. I don't think that any one of these approaches is more or less respectful than other. You can't tell what is in a person's heart by their outward behavior.

One of the reasons we are being attacked is that our country believes in freedom of expression and the right for good people to look at a situation and react differently.

I don't question the integrity, motivation or the wisdom of the people who took the opposite approach. I am sure that it was the correct choice for them. Obviously, they are in the majority yet I sincerely believe that I did the right thing for the right reasons for my team and I.

Paul Whalley
Men's Soccer Head Coach

Fall Concert on Campus Green

BY CHRIS WARD

VOICE STAFF

-Photo by Chirs Ward

John Tomaszewski and Rob Chateaumeuf of Flying Lessons

Beneath a brilliant azure sky, on a warm, sunny day that may be one of our last this year, the Campus Activities Board presented its annual Fall Music Fest. Scheduled on a weekend, during the Big E, and opposite an Owls homegame, the Fest was ripe for a poor student turnout and poor it was, peaking at a crowd of about thirty people. This year the event was also a part of the campus-wide fundraiser for the American Red Cross in the wake of September 11, which made the dismal attendance even more disappointing. NOT disappointing about that Saturday afternoon was the fantastic music, which echoed from the walls surrounding the quad all afternoon.

The show was opened by Ragtree, which consists of WSC alumnus Grant Pattee (vocals, acoustic guitar), junior, Joe Campanile (lead guitar), Rich Liberty (bass, vocals), and Mike Liberty (drums). Ragtree has a sound that's hard to classify. The beautifully arranged vocal harmonies, as on "Said and Done" are easily the band's signature sound, and in Ragtree's early days it was also the cornerstone. Then Joe joined the band about a year and a half ago with an electric bass and a Flying V, adding an edge that gave the existing music a bite and new songs, such as "A Better Place," a fresh versatility. Ragtree played for about forty minutes, and all of their songs were original. Their new 3-track single is available at Ragtree.com and soon at the campus bookstore.

Next up was Flying Lessons, from South Hadley. Flying Lessons are: Brian Chartrand (vocals, acoustic guitar), Tak Yamashita (lead guitar), John Tomaszewski (bass), and Rob Chateauneuf (drums). Their sound is tight and they kicked off with "Rory," which had every head in the audience bobbing up and down. During the set they stuck to rocking cuts like "4a.m. Mama", kind of a funky "Get the Hell Out" tune, and "seveneightnine" the closing number and also my favorite from the 3-track demo they produced last year. A new offering is in the near future. Flying Lessons also played only original material, and they can be reached at flyinglessonsmusic.com.

Traveling Matt, winner of the 1999 WSC Battle of the Bands, next approached the stage, arriving from four different directions and banging cowbells in time to the blazing drum solo which started their set. Traveling Matt are: Justin Schwenk and Dan Storch (vocals, guitar), Keith Uth (bass, piano), Colby Kuzontkoski (drums), and Joe Sparkes (saxophone). The first tune, "Rosemary's Hand" had tough shoes to fill after that solo and did just that. The strength of Traveling Matt is the almost seamless tapestry of music woven upon their stage. I was constantly impressed by Colby's skills on the drums, with near Peart-like flourishes and fills. Their own rendition of Simon and Garfunkel's "Me and Julio" was a lot of fun and gave the crowd something that the day of original music had thus far denied us… a song that we could sing along with. Traveling Matt's controversial victory at the Battle of the Bands (now called "Battle of the Talents") was prior to the new prerequisite that at least one member must be a current WSC student.

Headlining the event was Clarias, a.k.a. "Jon Berman's band," and their own brand of saxophone-laced rock on the jazz tip. Clarias is: Michael Giordano (lead vocals, acoustic guitar), Damien Gates (bass, guitar, harmonica, and vocals), Joe Iafrate (guitar, bass), Brett Simmons (drums), and Jon on saxophone. Leading off with "You and I," Clarias demonstrated that their sound is as large as their CD promised… but if you caught them at New Student Orientation last summer, then you knew that. The set included "You And I" and "Purple" as well as the best cuts from their debut CD, appropriately titled "Intro," available at the campus bookstore. This was only Clarias's third gig with their current drummer, Brett, who was a drum tech for Rush (some of you are like "who?" but I'm old). Clarias.org is their online home.

The event cost the school roughly $1300 in equipment service and band fees, (although Clartias donated the proceeds of all music and t-shirt sales to the cause) and yielded $101.76, but was it a failure? Angela Lapierre, SGA Vice President of Programming and the event host, doesn't think so. "Originally this was planned as just the annual Fall Fest. It would've happened anyway. Instead we had fun and added another hundred bucks to our drive, which still continues."

During Clarias's set, I asked junior Laurel Stewart for her thoughts on the Fall Fest and its larger, less "festive" purpose this year. She said she felt that it was important for her and others to finally come out from their position of mourning in front of the TV and to celebrate some good weather and great music. "If, by doing so, we can also be doing some good for a worthy cause," she said, "then that's even better." Joe Sparkes from Traveling Matt nearly echoed that sentiment, he said that it was nice to be playing for a good cause, and that in these times it seems people are more than willing to each do their small part. When I asked him for a quote he smiled and said simply, "Give blood."

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Remembered Pasts

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4. Rapid Movement of time.

So they both got off. Mike rushed through the meeting and back to the apartments to get back and thank her. As it turned out, he didn't see her for a few weeks. He stopped by her apartment a few times to see her and thank her, but she was never around. He eventually stopped thinking about it. He found out later that Jen had just broken up with her boyfriend and they had been trying to resolve things.

The semester went on as they tend to do. As it would happen, spring break came around and Mike had to stay on campus. The day everyone went home, he went shopping. He was extremely surprised when he saw Jen there. They quickly caught up and Mike thanked her. They got talking in the grocery check out line. Mike found out Jen was stuck on campus as well. Mike innocently asked Jen to his apartment for that dinner he owed her and she agreed. As far as either of them knew, they were the only two left on campus.

5. After Dinner Party

"Wow, I have to say that was a great dinner." Jen put the last plate in the sink. "I didn't peg you as the cooking type."

"Most people don't. My mother was an awesome cook. I always used to watch her and help her." He put the dish towel down and leaned on the counter next to her. He caught her eyes and stared. " She also used to yell at me for not doing the dishes. Come on lets go watch TV." They walked over to the couch and sat on opposite ends. The TV that had been left on was showing that movie about the sinking boat.

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"God I hate this movie," Mike said.

"Oh come on this is a great movie," Jen laughed. "It's so sad and sweet." "No it's not. She was a little spoiled girl who didn't know what she wanted and he was an idiot."

"No he wasn't. He loved her and died so she could live. He gave her something she never had."

"Ya he gave her naked pictures of herself. I don't think many people ever get those," Mike said as he changed the channel. He landed on MTV spring break. "Hey that's where all my roommates are right now."

"Ya mine too," She said as she leaned forward. "God I wish I could be there."

"Me too," Mike said, "Why are you here anyway?"

"Well, I am finishing an internship. I finish this week and then start another one next week. I got a job at a publisher in New York City and I have to finish these both by the end of the semester. The job starts in July. What about you?"

"Well," Mike sat back, " I put my way through school. I get to catch up on bills this week."

Jen sat back against the couch and put her feet up. They sat for a few minutes and watched in silence. Jen looked down and giggled. "You know my Ex-boyfriend tried to get me to pose for him so he could get nude photo's of me."

"WHAT?"

"Ya, he thought it would be romantic to have nude pictures of each other up when he had sex."

"You did say Ex right? That's a little weird," Mike said. "He was a little weird," she said, " And ya, we broke up about three weeks ago. Actually the night of the party. That's why I was such a jerk that day. What about you, girlfriend?"

"No I am a full out bachelor. Have been for about a year. Remember this is a date. I wouldn't cook you dinner if I had a girlfriend. I only cook dinner for girls I am trying to sleep with," Mike grinned.

" Oh well that's good because I only eat dinner with guys I am gonna sleep with. Ya but the guy has to do the dishes too."

"Crap," Mike yelled "Guess I'm not getting laid tonight." They both sat back and laughed. Mike put his arm up on the couch, dangerously close to her hand.

6. Another Big Leap.

That's kind of how things went for the rest of the week. They both worked during the day and hung out together at night. Each night they stayed up later and later just talking and hanging out. Then the night before everyone came back they had their first awkward moment. Jen got up to leave but had trouble just saying good bye. Neither wanted to say it, and they couldn't figure out why. They left it as they would see each other later.

Every one came back, and they still hung out. Mike's roommates had another party that Jen came up for. Mike felt strange that night because he did not want to drink. Jen was feeling the same way. They decided to go down to Jen's place. When they got there, no one was around.

WSKB Weekly Spotlight

Melissa Saporetti & Shocka

Jed Dion
A&E Editor

Another semester of WSKB college radio has begun and who better to feature in the WSKB Spotlight then the General Manager Melissa Saporetti and her partner Shocka.

The duo can be heard Wednesdays from 6 PM to 8 PM, on a show titled "The Cool Kids Show," and features both underground hip-hop groups such as Them, Sole, Smut Peddlers and Porn Theatre, and punk groups such as the Ataris, Weezer and Reggie and the Full Effect.

Mixing the two genres of music may be considered odd, but Saporetti and Shocka hope it'll expose listeners to new things.

"We can never plan our show, so we just pull a lot of stuff off the racks," Saporetti said.

"Basically whoever gets to the CD player first gets to play something," said Saporetti.

"I became the General Manager because I love the station and wanted to do anything I could to help out," said Saporetti a Communications major, with a concentration on radio and television. Shocka's major in Criminal Justice.

Saporetti's job includes raising money, fixing up the station and getting new things for the station.

Besides raising money and spinning records, Saporetti is involved in intramural sports with her team W.A.W. Her team plays volleyball, both indoor and outdoor soccer, and floor hockey.

"Floor hockey rocks beyond comparison," Saporetti said. "We won our first game, but after that it was all down hill."

Shocka just happens to be the team's biggest fan. "I have a W.A.W. shirt that a friend made," said Shocka.

Make sure to tune in every Wednesday to get a dose of underground hip-hop and emo/punk. Also, make sure you call in and request. While you're making a request, make sure you tell Saporetti and Shocka to put their shoes back on.

A look at what to expect on TV

Jeffrey J. Muzzy
Voice Staff

September brings about many things each year, the end of summer, the beginning of school, and for the lucky ones with time to notice, a new fall line up of programs to confine us to our couches til the news and late night talk shows convene. This is the time when the networks try in vain to prove that they can do something bigger and better than the previous year. Time to find the next "C.S.I.," "West Wing," or "NYPD Blue," and to forget shows like "Bette" and "The Michael Richard Show."

Like new car models there are things for everyone, one thing I noticed more this season than any other is the parade of celebrities that usually confine their work to the big screen. The list of names include, James Belushi's *According to Jim*, Daniel Stem's *Danny*,, Lou Diamond Phillips's *Wolf Lake*, Kiefer Sutherland's *24* and Richard Dreyfuss' *Education of Max Bickford*. The thought of infusing such brand name actors into a smaller medium every week seems like a great idea. Though it did not work with Brian Dennehy with the *Fighting Fitzpatrick's* it did prove successful with the "West Wing" and 'Spin City," with both programs featuring someone named Sheen. I realized, however, that in my pessimistic ways, there must be something wrong.

What we are actually getting ladies and gentlemen is a bunch of new cars with old engines. Why would actors of such name and status place themselves in such a small medium? Well let's look at the facts. Lou Diamond Phillips, starred in *Young Guns* with Charlie Sheen, has not broken the 20 million dollar mark in any movie of his since *The Big Hit* (27m) and *Courage Under Fire* (6 1 m), neither movie placing Lou in the lead seat. Does anyone remember *Bats?* (10m) and *Supernova* (14m). What about another *Young Gun*, Kiefer Sutherland, the good Doc hasn't broken the 20 million mark since *Dark City* (27m). Remember folks, Mel Gibson, Harrison Ford, Jim Carey to name a few, are paid 20 million just for being in a film.

Now, I am a fan of James Belushi. He always appeared likeable and funny in his movies. He always reminded me of a dopey uncle, the kind of uncle that let's you stay up late and gives you your first taste of beer. But poor Jimmy hasn't had a hit since *K-9* (43m) and Jerry the dog stole most of the movie from Jimbo. The late 90's brought *Wag the Dog* (43m), but wasn't a Belushi driven picture. The only other good movie to close in on 20 million was The Principal (19m). Even he, I bet, is forgetting "Angel's 13ance" and "Made Men." Remember either of these?

On the upside, of this group that may actually have a better chance to succeed, or is at least more familiar with a television program surviving more than one season is, Daniel Stem. Those who don't know who I am talking about would know Daniel as Marv, one half of the "Wet Bandits" that made America laugh in a couple small films called *Home Alone*. Each of those movies, and the one two punch of *City Slickers*, made a total of just under 100 million combined. Daniel Stem started his road to fame and fortune as the narrator for *The Wonder Years* as the older reflecting Fred Savage. This of course will be the first lead role in a television program for Daniel. Those that remember "The Wonder Years" may tune in for the warmth of a familiar voice.

So my next thought is this: are we as the viewers getting a treat by seeing showcase actors becoming a part of television, or are we being used by this group as they try to rebuild what used to be a bright career? Should we expect to see the return of Robert Hayes (*Airplane*), Louis Gossett Jr. (*Iron Eagle I II III*), Steve Guttenberg (*Cocoon*) and Demi Moore (*The Scarlet Letter*), none of which have had a successful film in years? At least if Louis Gossett Jr. finds his way to television we could have a weekly series of "The Principal" teaming back up with James Belushi. I doubt that by the end of the season he'll have anything better to do.

I can't be so negative in my closing, can I? This method was good for Martin Sheen right? A point of interest, Mr. Sheen's "President" was not meant to appear for more than a couple episodes, the focus of the show was meant to be on the surrounding staff.

Richard Dreyfuss and his "Education...." co-star Marcia Gay Harden each have their own Oscars. One cannot forget John Lithgow's "Third Rock." Television star to movie star back to television star also proved profitable for the "Charm"-ing Alyssa Milano. The chance for success is there if the writing is there. Putting a brand name on anything, be it television or movies doesn't equal success. With threats of writer's strikes and new networks fighting for ratings, the scripts and direction has to as fresh as the new season itself. A household name shouldn't be a crutch, but just one more key piece to a total commitment to producing the next american classic. By the end of the season, maybe by the end of the first thirty minutes, we'll know who'll keep us up late at night, and who'll remind us that television rots our brains. That's my perspective.

Close to nothing am I: I am worth more

By: Magaly Santana

Close to nothing am I
As the cascades tickle my feet
A laughter so pure and innocent releases
My desire so sweet.
Sweet as the craving of tender honey
Dripping upon my lips
As I gaze into the sky
Harsh word slightly slips.
Close to nothing am I
While I let the ink flow out of my pen
And I hear cries of the public in search of hope
I rise to announce when.
I duck for cover for I am not worthy
To receive such praises coming my way,
And I lone to rise up against my own faults
But I drown in them to stay.
Close to nothing am I
For I share no great deeds
Yet warmth inside yearns for joy
Encouraging me to spread seeds.
Seeds of courage, wisdom, extend a hand,
A purpose, understanding, or even a smile
Is what I search for, though timing is while.
Close to nothing am I,
Yet all this is not stamped as wrong
I can defend my traits and beliefs
If I try hard, I can be strong.
Close to nothing am I?
Ha, I laugh at such remark
For I am worth more than gold,
I rise high, ready to depart.
Depart into this world, this obliviousness
I know now what I must do
I must challenge what comes my way,
I must go and start anew.
My voice, my writings, my sketches of an artistic
I must use those so others may find
That satisfaction each person is so eager grasp,
That feeling I yearn to be mine.
And though I gap that feeling I once had,
That feeling near the cascades, so innocent and pure
I know one day I shall smile in and out
For I am worth so much more.

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Lyman, Defense Lead Owls To Victory

WESTFIELD, Mass. - Senior Shawn Lyman of West Springfield rushed for a career-high 230 yards on 26 carries and scored three touchdowns to lead Westfield State to a 27-0 New England Football Conference victory over Mass. Maritime Academy on Sept. 22.

The Owls improved to 3-0 overall and 2-0 in the Bogan Divison of the NEFC. Mass Maritime is 1-2 overall and 1-1 in the Bogan Division.

Lyman racked up 183 rushing yards in the first half to stake the Owls to a 21-0 halftime advantage. His first touchdown run - a 12-yard scamper - came with 56 seconds left in the first quarter.

With 11:04 left in the half he capped a 10-play, 71-yard drive with a 13-yard touchdown run.

Lyman's final carry of the game was a two-yard touchdown plunge with 22 seconds left in the third quarter.

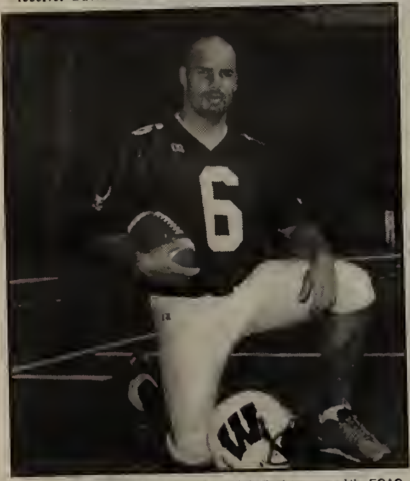
The Owls' other touchdown came with 10:36 left in the second quarter on an 18-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Jesse Phelps of Greenfield to senior wide receiver David Eaton of East Bridgewater. The touchdown was set up when linebacker Mike Hurteau intercepted a pass that was tipped by Josue Zamora.

The Westfield offense racked up a school-record 428 rushing yards on 64 carries. Freshman tailback Don Jones of Springfield Central rushed for 73 yards on 13 carries, and senior fullback P.J. Lorentzen of Hopkinton rushed for a career-high 64 yards on nine carries.

Westfield State's nationally ranked defense was just as impressive, limiting Mass Maritime to 44 net yards rushing and 65 passing. Entering the game, the Owls were ranking first nationally in passing defense and seventh in total defense.

Mass Maritime senior running back David Burrill - who rushed for a school record 315 yards last week - was held to 48 yards on 19 carries.

Defensive standouts for the Owls included Zamora (12 tackles, three pass deflections) and linebacker Dan Fitzgerald (six tackles, two sacks).



Junior middle linebacker Josue Zamora of Hartford was named the ECAC and New England Football Conference Player of the Week for his outstanding performance in Westfield State's 28-15 victory over Fitchburg State on Sept. 15. Zamora led the conference and ranked fifth nationally in solo tackles with 24 thru the first three games.

Varsity Men's Basketball Tryouts
Oct. 15, 10 p.m., Parenzo Gym
Call 572-5509 for questions

All interested students must see the trainers located in Parenzo gym for a physical exam prior to Oct. 15.

Senior running back Shawn Lyman rushed for a career-best 230 yards in only three quarters of action in the Ow convincing 27-0 victory over Mass Maritime Academy. After three games, Lyman ranked first in the conferenc and fifth nationally in rushing yards per game (159.0).

File Photo By Mickey Cur

Fall Sports Report

Field Hockey
Westfield 2 - Fitchburg 1

FITCHBURG - Freshman Laura Scott of Mansfield converted a penalty stroke with 9:16 remaining to give Westfield State a thrilling 2-1 road victory at Fitchburg State in Little East Conference field hockey action Sept. 26.

Scott nailed her game-winner in the lower right corner to beat Falcon goalie Angela Buffington.

Fitchburg State led 1-0 at halftime on a goal by Michelle Perreault. Westfield tied the score early in the second half on a goal by sophomore Renee Gahan; Scott was credited with the assist.

The game was a story of two halves as Fitchburg enjoyed a 6-1 advantage in shot in the first half, while Westfield outshot the home team, 8-0 in the second half.

Buffington recorded five saves and was aided by two defensive saves from Carolyn Murphy. Jill Annunciata recorded five saves for Westfield State.

Westfield improved to 3-4 overall and 1-2 in the conference. Fitchburg dropped to 3-6 overall and 0-4 in the conference.

Field Hockey
Westfield 5 - WPI 0

WORCESTER - The Westfield State field hockey team erupted for five second-half goals to record a 5-0 victory over Worcester Polytech.

Senior Teri Phipps opened the scoring for Westfield four minutes into the second half. Also scoring were freshman Laura Scott, sophomore B.J. Dion, senior Nikki Girolamo, and sophomore Theresa Yacovone.

Westfield outshot WPI, 21-0.

Men's Cross Country

WENHAM - The Westfield State men's cross country finished second in the 16-team Gordon Invitational.

Westfield totaled 65 points to trail Lyndon State (40 points).

Junior Tom Bousquet of Chicopee (3rd, 28:02) was Westfield's top finisher, followed by Geoff Churchill (4th, 28:17); Matt Frederick (9th, 29:03); Marco Iannello (16th, 29:45); and Nik Wlodyka (33rd, 30:54).

Lyndon State's Randy Feeley won the meet in 27:10.

Women's Cross Country

WENHAM - The Westfield State women's cross country team finished third in the 21-team Gordon Invitational.

Westfield compiled 130 points to trail Roger Williams (38) and Maine-Farmington (113).

Starr Hockenberry of Southwick was Westfield's top finisher (11th, 21:24). She was followed by: Sara Coon of Laneboro (18th, 21:49); Catie Geldert of Otis (21st, 22:12); Christine Bryne (36th, 22:49); and Alyssa Reid (44th, 23:19).

Women's Volleyball
Westfield 3 - Mass. College 0

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State women's volleyball team remained unbeaten in the Mass. State Conference by sweeping Massachusetts College, 3-0.

Westfield improved to 3-0 in the conference and 6-4 overall. Mass. College is 3-3 overall and 2-1 in the league.

The game scores were: 30-19, 30-12, 30-22. Sophomore Leah Schmidt of West Springfield had 13 digs and five kills for the Owls. Freshman Amy Svatik recorded 11 digs and three aces.

Women's Volleyball Splits

SOUTH HADLEY - The Westfield State women's volleyball team split a tri-match vs. Mt. Holyoke College and Keene State.

Mt. Holyoke defeated the Owls, 3-1, (30-25, 28-30, 30-16, 30-27). Westfield came back to outlast Keene State in four games (30-27, 31-29, 24-30, 30-25). In the other match, Mt. Holyoke edged Keene State, 3-2.

Junior outside hitter Katelyn Foley recorded 22 kills, 30 digs and four aces for Westfield, while sophomore Leah Schmidt had four aces, nine kills and 26 digs.

Women's Soccer
Westfield 2 - Fitchburg 1

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State women's soccer team won its Mass. State Conference opener by defeating Fitchburg State, 2-1.

Westfield's first goal w scored by Justine Crocker, a juni from Springfield Central, off a co ner kick from sophomore Ali J dan of Ware. Junior Janet Bour scored an unassisted goal to st the Owls' to a 2-0 halftime lead

Westfield outshot Fitchbu 12-4. Fitchburg only had one s attempt in the second half but Falcons scored on a breakaway.

Women's Soccer
Brandeis 3 - Westfield State

WESTFIELD - The Westfi State College women's soccer te dropped a 3-1 decision to Bran University.

Westfield outshot Brand 18-8, but managed just one goa sophomore Ali Jordan of W scored off a direct kick with seconds left in the game.

Brandeis senior keeper K Bronnenkant of Boylston rec 17 saves, including several s tacular stops.

Freshman Skylar Buch tallied a goal and an assist Brandeis, which led 1-0 at hal and scored four minutes into second half.

Men's Soccer
Westfield 2 - Endicott 1

WESTFIELD - Fresh Brian White (Barre/Quabbin gional) scored with 3:37 left in lation to lift Westfield State 1 men's soccer victory Endicott.

The victory snapped the three-game losing streak in they did not score.

White's shot on the righ deflected off the goalie into t Assisting on the game-winni was David Gadouas of Chic

Sophomore Joe Calabr West Springfield gave We an early 1-0 lead on a heade beautiful cross from freshma Jorge of Ludlow.

Westfield outshot Endic 6, and limited the visitors one shot attempt in the seco

Men's Soccer Cancelled

SPRINGFIELD - Westfield State men's socc scheduled for Sept. 25, at was cancelled because of ent weather.

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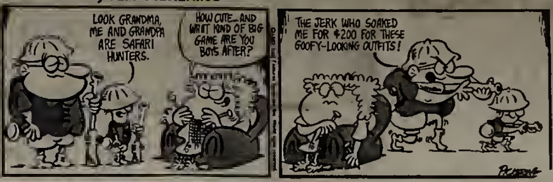
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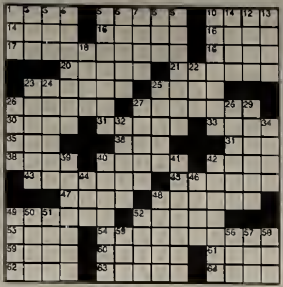
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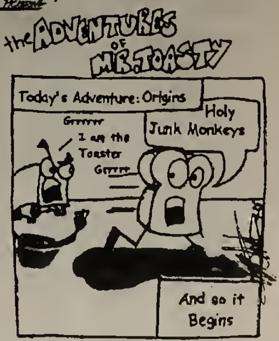
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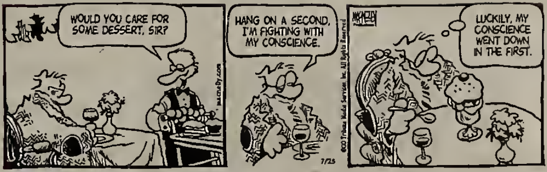
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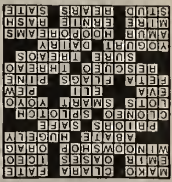

Personals

Wanna "fool around?" Don't forget to add gesticulations Mike & Chris! LAM-D

Hey Rich...Do you have a pair of underwear I can borrow?

More Virginia Slims please!

To D.K. "If I could reach up and hold a star for every time you've made me smile, the entire evening sky would be in the palm of my hand." Love, J.B.

The bouncer at City Limits sucks!

i want my ID back!

Spit, Burp, and Fart! It's the way to go.

Kelly and Kin best of luck in your new season. Love Steph.

Why that's Garrett and Aarron!

Conlin Hall Sub Shop. 1A1 = 6 inch subs... 1B1 = foot longs!

It's not pre-marital sex if you're not getting married!

Some kids poured beer on my head this weekend. What an experience!

L- Am I tight???
M- I don't know but I'll loosen you up!

Does Webster live at Green Ave.?

When I said I wanted to take you in the woods & take advantage of you, I meant it.

We have this new theory to attract guys it's called - SBF...try it out, it works.

It sucks sometimes how people can be really close to each other, yet so far away.

If your bed breaks make sure you put it back together right so it doesn't happen twice.

To the way things were at the end of last year, I really miss it!

Has anyone seen my pet chicken running around campus??? I really miss him!

MassPIRG paints big signs and hangs them up asking us to help save the earth, but then leaves all their trash on the ground when they're done.

Go to the Coffeehouse on Oct. 3!!!

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Campus trash has doubled

By Michelle DiGioia
Voice Reporter

Trash located in front and behind Courtney Hall. The litter on the WSC campus has almost doubled in the past two years, causing groundskeepers to spend two to three hours a day picking up the trash on campus.

-Photos by Kelly Clarke

The excess of litter on Westfield State College's campus grounds has almost doubled over the past two years, said Louis Garlo, Campus Grounds Foreman.

The campus green, South Lot, and Commuter Lot are the areas on campus that have the most trash, Garlo said. "Students don't seem to have enough respect for the campus."

Everyday six of the grounds crewmembers spend two to three hours picking up trash on the campus. Each crewmember usually picks up at least three bags full, Garlo said.

"We know it's our job to do, but the students should know enough to use the trash containers available to them throughout the campus," said Rick Freeman, Grounds crewmember.

There are trashcans placed throughout the campus green, outside academic buildings and dorms, outside the cafeteria, as weil as in the parking lots, however students choose to ignore them. "Even the trash barrels have trash scattered all around them," Freeman said. "Why not walk the extra step and place it in the barrel."

Students may not be aware of the excess of littering on the campus because the grounds crew picks it up early in the morning, but just because you can't see it doesn't mean it doesn't exist.

Monday mornings are the worst, according to Freeman. After the weekend there are beer boxes, bottles, cigarettes, paper, Macdonald's wrappers, etc. covering the campus and the parking lots.

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Campus community unites to take a stand

By Adrienne Lamplough
Assistant Editor

The events of September 11, 2001, united Westfield State's faculty and students to speak out about the acts of hate crimes witnessed throughout campus, the community and the United States.

These hate crimes have caused WSC to take a stand against violence and work for an active and peaceful resolution to the events witnessed the past few weeks.

A panel of seven met in front of an audience of students, faculty and administration on Thursday, September 20, in Dever Auditorium to discuss their feelings on the hate crimes taking place in the wake of the terrorism attacks.

Each panel member took turns expressing their views, feelings and opinions on the hate crimes, which have occurred since the terrorist attacks on September 11.

Professor Nessim Watson of the Communication Department wants students to take action through education. He said the active role as a peacemaker should be done through learning, educating and talking to others. Through active peacemaking, power will be regained, Watson said.

"To be angry at the angry serves no purpose. Forgiving the angry may be our biggest challenge," Watson said.

Dr. Elise Young of the History Department quoted Martin Luther King, Jr. when she said, "never succumb to the temptation of making people our enemy."

According to Young, the ability to look inside of yourself and speak of your experiences takes courage. We need to look at all the painful aspects if we want to really look at

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Conference to raise issues of peace, women

By Alison Close
Voice Reporter

The Global Women's History Project's October Conference, Women of Pakistan and India: Rights, Ecology, Economy, and Nuclear Disarmament, will open Thursday October 25, at Westfield State College.

Dr. Elise G. Young of the History Department and Dr. Zengie Mangaliso of the Sociology Department are co-directing the October conference.

"The dialogue at this conference will center on Pakistan-India relations and forging peace, the global economy and how it impacts women, women resisting violence domestically and globally," Mangaliso said.

The conference will run from October 25 to October 28.

"One of several goals of the GWHP is to educate the public, including the campus public, about the histories and struggles of women in conflict-ridden regions around the world," Mangaliso said. "And of course its ultimate goal is to bring about global peace."

A press release from the GWHP stated that activists, students, teach

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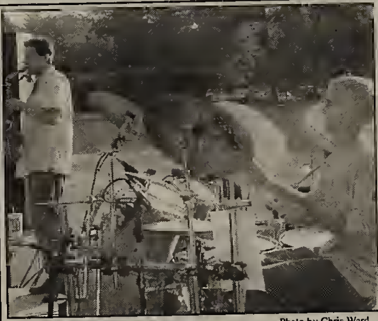

-Photo by Chris Ward

Colby Kuzontkoski, on drums, and Joe Sparkes of Travelling Matt performed at the Fall Concert. Turn to Page 10 for the story.

New SGA Members

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Class 2003 Rep.
Nicole Becker-
Class 2005 Pres.
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Class 2005 Rep.
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Woodward addresses SGA on campus changes

By Tom Perron
Voice Reporter

Last Tuesday, Westfield State College President Frederick Woodward spoke about the variety of changes occurring on campus, including the groundbreaking of the field house and the possibility of a new residence hall.

He also spoke about the rising popularity of WSC. Since WSC is becoming such a popular college, admissions is closing this year on March 1, Woodward said. Other schools allow students in up to May 1, he said.

This year WSC had the largest admissions in the history of the college, said Woodward. One of the reasons so many students apply to WSC is, "because you are here, and other students want to be here too."

To accommodate the increase

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Recycling gets a new start on campus

By Tim Montgomery
Voice Reporter

They've tried it in the pas and it hasn't worked. But this fall, Curt Robie, Assistant Vic President of Facilities an Operations, said that WSC wil take another shot at what the have failed in during recent years recycling.

WSC has set aside $ 60,00 to reform its recycling program b as soon as October, which Rob hopes will take off despite prev ously discouraging attempts.

"It's a brand new program said Robie. "What we need to d is increase awareness for mo people on campus."

WSC's previous recycli programs have met resistan from students, faculty and admi istration who did not follow t guidelines for the recycling s tions located across campus.

With a wave of discussio and flyers advertising awaren of the new program, Robie hop to get students and faculty int ested and involved.

The plan involves every s dent receiving their own perso recycling bin during a "kick-

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WSC's Fall Music Fest included acts such as Ragtree, Clarias, and Traveling Matt. Check out the review of the event on Page 10.

Students tell which TV season premiere they're anticipating he most. Find out what others on campus will be watching.

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Events to celebrate Hispanic heritage

By Brooke Popielarz
Voice Reporter

The Latino Association for Empowerment, known as L.A.F.E., began their celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month with Latin dance events, multicultural videos and bake sales.

"The bake sales went over really well. We sold everything," sophomore Manouchka Jacques, Vice President of L.A.F.E., said.

The Italian Bread Shop, located in Springfield, supplied the L.A.F.E. group baked goods, such as Guava turnovers, cheese rolls and rainbow cookies for the bake sales.

Multicultural videos will be shown on Tuesday, Oct. 9, 16 and 23. The videos will begin at 7 p.m. at the bottom level of Ely.

Discussion groups with Professor Black, Professor Sanchez and Professor McIntosh will follow the film presentations. Refreshments from the Spanish culture, such as goya juices and plantains, will be provided at the video viewings and dance events.

One video L.A.F.E. is showing is "Mi Familia." "It is a basically a documentary on a Hispanic family that gives a closer look at the obstacles they face in life and gives a better understanding of the Hispanic culture," freshman Shalonda Edwards, secretary of L.A.F.E., said.

Look out for an evening of folkloric dance on October 15 in the Ely Campus Center Main Lounge. This dance will be performed by Griesel's Dance Group.

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Board of Trustees holds first meeting of academic year

Trustees discuss campus issues including events following terrorist attacks and new field house

By Adrienne Lamplougr
Assistant Editor

-Photo by Adrienne Lamplough

The members of Westfield State College's Board of Trustees

Westfield State College's Board of Trustees met Wednesday, October 3 to discuss the events on campus since the September 11 terrorism attacks, the amount of students living on campus and the funding for the new academic athletic facility.

The students and staff on campus planned many successful events on and off campus since the September 11 attacks, said President Frederick Woodward. On September 11 students packed into Dever Auditorium to discuss, " the tolerance of others and what we expect to see in the future," said Woodward.

Other events on campus that united the community was Unity Day that was held on the campus green along with the always available Resident Advisors and Clergy for those students who need to talk about the attacks. Buses were available for students to give blood in Springfield on September 13 and 14. Students called together an assemhly to

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WSC students display talents at first coffeehouse

By Jessica Norden &
James Wilcox
Voice Staff

The first coffeehouse of the year was held on Wednesday, October 3 in Ely Main Lounge. Hosted by Chris Ward of the Campus Activities Board, there were eight acts of the evening that brought out a few bands and solo performers as well, as well as free bagels from Between Rounds.

The first performance of the night was Scattered, which featured Bill Knaus, Jess Ameigh, Dave Bielunis, and Matt Samble. They had a very fast paced performance with tons of energy that excited the crowd.

Erica May '04 was the second performer of the night with her rendition of "Possession" by Sarah McLachlan. Erica May was a returning coffeehouse act this year, and she is known for her acapella performances.

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

Tom Couitmanche, Of One Mind, performing at the coffeehouse

Broken in Fire was the third performance of the night with Paul Marino on guitar/vocals, Bill Rinaldi on bass/background vocals, and Jeff Short on drums, with their cover of the Dixie Chicks' "Goodbye Earl," which the audience enjoyed.

Of One Mind performed next with Matt Peculis on vocals, Tom Couitmanche on guitar, Steve Zozzaro on bass, and Eric Olson on drums. All the members of the band are sophomores here at WSC.

When asked about their overall performance and the coffeehouse in general, Peculis said, "I think we did ok, this was our first performance and our first coffeehouse, but we will definitely come back for the next one."

Leap Year Effect was up next, a band with many members from Shirts Off in Advance. Shirts Off is a punk band that played on campus

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-File Photo

The Westfield State College Mascot performs a stunt at a football game. Turn to page 14 to find out what the mascot's name is!!

Senior convocation official start to class of 2002's final year

By Laura Cyr
Editor-in-Chief

The class of 2002 gathered for one of the first official kickoff celebrations of their senior year last Monday in Scanlon Banquet Hall, Senior Convocation. Approximately 200 seniors, along with college faculty, staff and administrators, came together for dinner and speakers who touched upon the themes of the evening, the class' past, changes to come and what lies ahead in the future.

Vice President Lopes first addressed those in attendance following the dinner. He commented on the occasion, stating that it was a cause for celebration on how far the senior class had come. "I bet those of you who are here in your senior year are proud," he said. "We all are proud of you."

Lopes added comments on how the recent events on September 11 have had an effect on everyone here and on the year that lies ahead of the seniors, something that many speakers in attendance also did. "This will be a very intense year-intense because of your own lives and intense because of the events going on in the world."

Comments from President Woodward were then spoken concerning the soon approaching graduation day in May. "Can you believe this is your last year? In eight months you'll be crossing the stage, picking up your diploma and entering a new phase in your life," he said. "This is the year you were dreaming about three years ago."

Meghan Canning, President of the class of 2002, then addressed the audience, offering

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Columnist Jon Sewell comments on pop culture (according to him). Check out his favorites, including Eric Clapton "Unplugged."
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Stroll down memory lane with Jeffrey Muzzy as he reflects on carefree childhood days as seen through the Calvin & Hobbes comic strip.
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Campus programming and fire safety discussed at SGA

By Tom Perron
Voice Reporter

It was business as usual Tuesday night, as senators gathered to discuss the issues at Westfield State College.

Campus programming and fire drills were discussed and a few senators were formally accepted into the senate, among other things.

Paul Scannell, Director of Public Safety at Westfield State College (WSC), said that the reason the college is instituting fire drills is to ensure that all students know what to do when the fire alarm sounds.

Scannell, also an advisor to the Student Government Association (SGA), said that he noticed some of the dormitories did not have fire alarms last year while he was going over his reports from last year.

"Students who came into the school at the beginning of last year never had a fire alarm and wouldn't know what to do if there ever was a real fire," Scannell said.

Scannell said he performed the drills early in the semester so that there is still some sunlight and students do not have to be outside in the middle of the winter for a drill.

Another fire safety step being talked about is the possibility of installing sprinkler systems over the next few years, Scannell said.

One senator asked, like false alarms, if the students would be charged for the fire drills.

Scannell said students will not be charged for these drills, unlike prank alarms.

In the world of campus activities, Angela LaPierre, SGA Vice-President of Programming, updated senators on recent event developments.

LaPierre said, Greg Bennick, a spoken word artist and juggler, has cancelled his tour and will not be performing at WSC on October 18. Bennick cancelled his tour due to the tragedies of September 11, she said.

However, LaPierre said, "The Weekend Programming Committee (WPC) will be sponsoring hypnotist Steve Taubman."

Taubman will be performing at 8 p.m. in Dever Auditorium on Sunday, Oct. 14. He will also be performing teasers earlier in the Dining Commons while students eat dinner, LaPierre said.

Corrine Hairston-Paris, SGA representative from the Multicultural Committee, said that October 11 is 'National Coming Out Day'. The Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) will have tables and booths set-up around campus giving out flyers about 'Coming Out Day,' she said.

Vice President of Student Affairs, Arthur Jackson, said that not only is 'Coming Out Day' in October but so is National Latin-American History Month.

L.A.F.E.

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Adrene Adams, Associate Director of the Campus Center and advisor for L.A.F.E., suggested Griesel to the group. Griesel, a professional dancer from Springfield, will show a different type of dance related to the Spanish and Latin culture.

A Latin Dance Exhibition by Otilia Fuentes, another professional dancer from Springfield, is scheduled for Sunday, October 21, 8 p.m. in the Ely Lower Level lounge.

L.A.F.E. branched off from the Third World Organization last year and became a concentrated group of members whose focus is on the Latin culture. Meetings take place on Mondays at 7 p.m. next to the Third World Organization, located in the basement of Ely.

-Photo by Jessie Perrigo

Members of L.A.F.E. at the bake sale the group sponsored last weeek. The sale was one of the Hispanic Heritage Month events in October.

Non Binding Student Referendum
MSCA Union Contract to see if students would still like to participate in governance.
Thursday, October 11
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Ely Campus Center Main Lobby

Note to The Campus Voice readers

In Issue 5 of The Campus Voice a new layout was debuted. Unfortunately, our publishers misunderstood the new layout, and it was done incorrectly. The Campus Voice staff apologizes for any confusion that may have come from the incorrect layout, and we are working with the publishers to guarantee that we can provide you with the best newspaper possible.

From the Editor's Desk

Politically Incorrect?

During all times of crisis, war, scandals, or any other situation America has been involved in, there has usually been one consensus voice that has said what America thinks of the situation. Regarding the September 11 attacks, that consensus voice has tended to be one of retaliation and that these men are cowards who dared to attack our freedom. But what about those who speak another idea of the attacks? What happens to those who don't go along with the consensus opinion?

A former Oregon columnist knows. The Daily Courier fired a columnist after he accused President Bush of "hiding in a Nebraska hole" following the attacks. The newspaper received a good amount of backlash and negative reactions, so the editor chose to fire the columnist, claiming that it is not responsible to label our leader as a coward after the United States' bloodiest terrorist attack.

Bill Maher, the host of the late night television show "Politically Incorrect" also knows the answer to that question. His television show, which is seen by millions of people and sponsored by national advertisers, got cancelled from some ABC affiliates after comments Maher made on his September 17 episode. Maher stated that "We have been the cowards. Lobbing cruise missiles from 2,000 miles away, that's cowardly. Staying in the airplane when it hits the building, say what you want about it-not cowardly." Many viewers became outraged at his comments, which resulted in Federal Express and Sears withdrawing sponsorship of his show and for his show to be cancelled in some locations.

One of those locations is Washington. The White House was also outraged by his comments, with White House press secretary Ari Fleischer warning that "people have to watch what they say and watch what they do." Fleischer's warning however later became omitted from his speech when it was realized that this is basically going against the rights of free speech.

In a time where everyone is saying our rights, freedoms,and democracy have been attacked, shouldn't we do everything in our power to further protect these rights? Firing journalists and canceling television talk shows over comments that go against what the White House is trying to promote seems to be doing exactly the opposite though. People should embrace these freedoms, not shun those who dare to put them to use on a show called "Politically Incorrect" in the first place.

Others too have been speaking out against the prominent message concerning the attacks. However, they have been speaking out through the Internet and magazines such as the New Yorker, whose readership is not nearly as high as Maher's audience. These people have not received the criticism that Maher has though. This becomes proof that the type of medium one chooses to broadcast their message on can make or break them. It is also further proof that advertising has too strong a hold in our country's media, since it can control what a station will air. If the mainstream advertisers do not agree with the material, they will not support it and the stations won't run it. This leads to most of the media being mainstream and controlled by advertisers and few outlets for those looking for a different opinion to turn to.

Whether or not you agree with what you hear on a radio talk show or read in a column, keep in mind that people have the right to say and write what they believe in. In fact, if you really don't like it, exercise your rights and make your voice heard through a newspaper or a talk show. But allow these freedoms to continue.

Laura Cyr
Editor-In-Chief

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Campus Briefs

Seminar offered hy Westfield State College to prepare student teachers

A Career Strategies Seminar for Student Teachers is offered by Westfield State College's Department of Career Services in cooperation with the college's Department of Education. The free seminar will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct.17 and will feature a variety of workshops on every aspect of the hiring process in the field of education.

A panel of principals and human resources professionals will be on hand to provide guidance for the job seekers, and to discuss the various topics that will be addressed in the workshops. The panelists include Joanne Moore, principal of Blueberry Hill School, Longmeadow, MA; Charles Tetrault, assistant superintendent, Chicopee Public Schools; Stephen Hagan, director of human resources, Westfield Public Schools; and Thomas McDowell, superintendent, Westfield Public Schools.

Topics include the hiring process, marketing tools, the teaching interview, testing requirements, resources for job seekers and a certification meeting. Prospective teachers and students will be advised on making successful education resumes, told about common features of teaching interviews and ways to present themselves in a professional manner.

The seminar will be in the Garden Level Conference Room at 333 Western Avenue. For more information, call Maureen McCartney, Career Services, at (413) 572-5206.

Cathy Osman exhibition now on display in Arno Maris Gallery

The Arno Maris Gallery located in the Ely Campus Center of Westfield State College is pleased to announce an exhibition of New Work by Cathy Osman (253-3851). Ms Osman is a resident of Amherst and teaches in the Art Department of Marlboro College in Vermont. Upon receiving both a BFA and MFA from the University of California, Berkeley, she has embarked on a career as a working artist and teacher. She has exhibited locally at Amherst College and in 1999 she had a one person show at the Drury Gallery, Marlboro, VT.

Ms. Osman's new body of work has shifted to working in relief, using the collage process to physically construct images which are suggestive of the landscape but reconsidered through the content of the materials. These new pieces combine unusual materials: i.e. plastic, vellum, window screen, doilies and fabric.

The Arno Maris Gallery is open from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Tuesday to Saturday.

The exhibition will open on October 2, 2000 and run to October 27, 2000 with the artist's reception on October 3, 2000 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Additional Information: contact Keith Hollingworth, Director 413-572-5691

Colleges plan criminal justice career fair at Westfield State College

The Cooperating Colleges of Greater Springfield (CCGS) will sponsor a Criminal Justice Career Fair from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, at Westfield State College.

The free event, in the Garden Room of 333 Western Ave., is open to the public.

Representatives from 30 federal, state, local and private criminal justice and related agencies will offer information on careers and internships.

For more information, contact Maureen McCartney, director of Career Services at Westfield State College, at 572-5206.

Westfield State College to join in annual river cleanup

Volunteers from Westfield State College will again join with the Westfield River Watershed Association in the annual cleanup of the banks of the Westfield River. The cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 13, in conjunction with the Connecticut River Source-to-Sea Cleanup.

College volunteers, organized by Carl Grobe, assistant professor of biology, make up a substantial portion of the annual cleanup crew.

The volunteers are scheduled to gather at the entrance to the River Walk near the Great River Bridge on Elm Street at 9 a.m.

Work gloves and trash bags will be supplied. The cleanup is scheduled to end at noon.

The Westfield Public Works Department will pick up the trash collected by volunteers.

Convocation

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up congratulations to her fellow class members for making it this far. "Not everyone you met at freshman orientation is here today," she said. "You're part of a special and elite group and you should be proud of yourself."

Canning shared with those in attendance memories of the past three years, and her first experiences at Westfield State. She then assured other seniors that it was alright to have questions about what lay ahead of them after graduation day. "A major thing we need to remember is that it's O.K. to not have all the answers right now," Canning said. "It's O.K. to not know where you're going to be one year from now. Those things will take care of themselves. It's important to enjoy your senior year."

Professor Frank Giuliano of the Physical Science Department delivered the Convocation Address by the request of the senior class. Giuliano's address touched upon the opportunity that many, including the senior class, now had to make a difference, especially since the terrorist attacks. "Optimism for the future has been tested by tragic events three weeks ago," he said. "Many of you are still mourning and it is difficult to envision a future life." He asked the senior class to not sell themselves short, to not miss the opportunity to make a difference.

Giuliano then went on to speak about the difference members of the class of 2002 have already made. "The climate is definitely warmer here than it was four years ago," he said. He added the ways that the class has affected him personally, bringing up the huge turnout for the diversity forum last year, those who continue know to speak out against injustice and bigotry and he support seniors have given for the faculty's fight for a fair and just contract. "You've sent a message about something that has mattered to you. You care; you've taken action; and you have made a difference," he said.

Giuliano went on to say how seniors must not forget they still have the opportunity to make a difference and set a good example for underclassmen. "Now that you are seniors, the entire campus is looking to you for support and guidance," he said. Giuliano then asked every senior to take a minute to discuss what else could be done this year for the class of 2002 to leave their mark. "With a little thought, there's more you can do to make a difference."

Throughout speeches during the evening, seniors were reminded to not forget their college community after graduation. Staying connected through the Alumni Association was encouraged and Patricia Gardner, a WSC class of 1974 graduate, spoke to seniors about the importance of that. "Give of your time to help others embrace the education you have gotten here," she said. Gardner added that working with the Alumni Association helps others be able to also attend college and receive the same experiences the seniors did.

Voice of The Week

Corinne Hairston

POSITION AT WSC: Multicultural Representative to the SGA

FAMILY: Mother and one younger brother

YEAR(S) AT WSC: Junior

MAJOR: Business

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: Meeting people

FUTURE DREAM CAREER: Financial Analyst

FAVORITE MOVIE: Bronx Tale

FAVORITE BOOK: Coldest Winter Ever

FAVORITE TV SHOW: Law and Order

HOBBIES: Shopping, Reading, Cooking, Listening to Music and Spending Time with Friends

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The confusion of the new layout was due to problems with The Campus Voice publisher. The staff apologizes for the confusion, and is working to bring you the best newspaper possilbe

Distance learning one project new CIO plans for WSC future

BY JAMAL COLLINS
VOICE STAFF

Technology is becoming more prevalent in our society and in the work place these tools are needed in our education facilities as well.

Westfield State College has Dr. Steve Reynolds to be it's new Chief Information Officer (CIO). This new position is designed so that new technology changes could be done quickly and efficiently. After recently interviewing Reynolds, he told of why he came to Westfield State College and what he hopes to accomplish.

Reynolds position preceeding Westfield State was the Vice Chair of Information Technologies at Indiana University. He came to Westfield State College because his children live in Massachusetts and he wanted to be closer to them.

As CIO his job is to look at all the technology needs of the school. This includes not just computers, but telephone, media equipment and other technology sensitive areas of the school. The two main things he would like to fix first is the telephone system and to increase the speed of the Internet on campus.

One thing that he would like to do more is Distance Learning. Distance Learning is the using of classrooms with video equipment to teach others over great distance. The cost of these classrooms has come down, yet they are still expensive. Two years ago it coast $75,000 to build a classroom capable of Distance Learning, now it is $10,000. Reynolds said, "I will build them but the faculty have to use them." When asked if Distance Learning is popular among faculty he said he did not know because of his lack of time at Westfield.

On thing he wants to change and make sure is that the technology fee that we pay would be for student use only. That money would go to labs and student used technology equipment. Staff equipment would come out of other money. He also wants to change the email so that it is web based like hotmail. Other issues effecting students would be the "Laptop" program the Mass achusetts Board of Higher Education is trying to implement. Reynolds said he did not know much about what the states plans were on the issues but he did know that because of the budget problems the state was having it was not a priority.

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

New CIO Dr. Steve Reynolds

One thing he wants to change is how computers are given out. He wants to change it so that Lab computers are replaced every 3 years and staff computers every 4 years. This he hopes will "take the polities" out of getting computers for staff and students. He also wants to give staff and students the kind of computers they want. He wishes to support student needs,and that includes their computer needs. From Mac to Unix he hopes to support students and faculty in their computer needs.

Trustees

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discuss tolerance of others and to speak out about their feelings. While faculty and staff held a peace vigil and the Communication Department held a forum in Dever to discuss their views on the attacks of September 11, said Woodward.

" The forum helped to raise issues and answers for concerned students," said Woodward.

Westfield State and the Student Government Association are in the process of raising money for the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, said Woodward.

Other events that will take place on campus will be the Global Women's History Project where representives from India and Pakistan will speak at Westfield State in April, said Woodward.

Family Weekend was a big success, said Woodward. The carnival and the football game were well attended.

" Our football team is 4-0 and for our team that is pretty spectacular," said Woodward.

Vice-President William Lopes said Westfield State's mascot was named at the Family Weekend football game. The fans voted on three names; Westie, Ollie and Nester. "Our new mascot name is Nester."

After discussions of Family Weekend, Woodward moved on to discuss on-campus housing. He said that the resident halls are 110% full.

" There are 2130 students in the residence halls and they are only built for 1920 students. Student affairs did a terrific job with accomodating all of the students that met the housing deposit deadline," said Woodward. " There are still about 100 students still waiting for housing and they should be all set in the spring."

Gina Golash discussed Financial Capital Planning and said that this year there was a payroll audit, financial aid audit and a financial audit done by Price Waterhouse Coopers.

" This has been the 4th year in a row that Westfield State has had an unqualified audit," said Golash. This is also the first time there has been a payroll audit.

Having four consecutive years at an unqualified audit is " financially unheard of," said Nick Wojtowictz of Price Waterhouse Coopers.

Westfield State College's Capital Campaign Plan was discussed and Chairman of the Board, Cornelius Mahoney said that it basically raises money for infrastructures and in Westfield's case this is the building of the new academic athletic facility.

" We are in the process of raising money for the facility," said Woodward.

" This is the first Capital Campaign Plan this college has ever had," said Mahoney.

According to Woodward, the academic athletic facility will hold classrooms for the Movement Science department and it will also be the location of the new field house. The ground work for this facility will begin this spring.

The new facility will be located on Western Ave. in front of the track and before Stan Home, " it will help to tie the campus together," said Woodward.

First Year Students
A reminder to pick up student records in the Campus Center Service Window.

Police Log from 9/17/01- 9/23/01

09/17/01-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION, DRUGS: COURTNEY

-SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: LAMMERS

-NOISE COMPLAINT: DAVIS

9/18/01-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION, DRUGS: LAMMERS

-MEDICAL EMERGENCY, AMBULANCE: DAVIS

-FIRE DRILL, TEST OF THE ALARM: COURTNEY

9/19/01-PARKING ENFORCEMENT, POSSESSION OF CLASS D SUBSTANCE: SCANLON RD.

-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION, ALCOHOL CONFISCATION: PARENZO

-MEDICAL TRANSPORT, NOBLE HOSPITAL: LAMMERS

9/20/01-NOISE COMPLAINT, VERBAL WARNING: DICKINSON

-GENERAL INVESTIGATION: WILSON

-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION, ALCOHOL CONFISCATION: LAMMERS

-SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: ELY ROAD

-GENERAL INVESTIGATION: LAMMERS

9/21/01-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION, VANDALISM: DICKINSON

-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION: DICKINSON

-FIRE ON STOVE, ACCIDENTAL: APARTMENTS

-WEAPONS VIOLATION, POSSESSION OF A BB GUN: APARTMENTS

-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION, ALCOHOL, PROTECTIVE CUSTODY: ELY ROAD

-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION, ALCOHOL CONFISCATION: DICKINSON

-SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY, CHECKED PERSONS: SCANLON

-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION, ALCOHOL CONFISCATION: LAMMERS

-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION, ALCOHOL CONFISCATION: DAVIS

9/22/01-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION, INTOXICATED: COURTNEY

-ACCIDENT: PARENZO RD.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY, TRANSPORT ON A NON-STUDENT: ATHLETIC COMPLEX

-SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: COMMUTER LOT

-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION, ALCOHOL: DAVIS

9/23/01-NOISE COMPLAINT: COURTNEY

-SUSPICIOUS PERSON: SCANLON

-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION, ALCOHOL: SCANLON

-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION, ALCOHOL, PROTECTIVE CUSTODY: DICKINSON

-CHECK PERSON, GUEST FOUND UNCONSCIOUS: DICKINSON

-FALSE ALARM: SYSTEM MALFUNCTION: COURTNEY

-FALSE ALARM: SYSTEM MALFUNCTION: COURTNEY

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Dinosaur Eggs Discovered

Washington Post

Fossil hunters have discovered the remains of a huge clutch of unhatched dinosaur eggs, some of which contain the first well-preserved skulls of dinosaur fetuses.

Luis M. Chiappe of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles and colleagues from Argentina found the eggs at a site in Patagonia dubbed Auca Machevo (for ``more eggs"). The eggs appear to be from a sauropod, a type of long-necked, long-tailed, plant-eating dinosaur that includes apatocaurus (previously known as brontosaurus).

The softball-sized eggs and their contents, which date back about 80 million years, provide insight into the evolution of dinosaurs by showing researchers what they looked like early in their development.

The nests where the eggs were found were apparently used repeatedly by the creatures over the years, even though they occasionally flooded, drowning the young in their shells and burying them in mud.

A Comet's Complex Core

Washington Post

A NASA space probe has gotten the best look ever at the core of a comet.

Deep Space 1 flew within 1,400 miles of the comet Borrelly on Sept. 22 and snapped the best pictures yet of the comet's rocky, icy six-mile-long nucleus.

`Deep Space 1 plunged into the heart of comet Borrelly and has lived to tell every detail of its spine-tingling adventure," said Marc Rayman of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., when the images were released last week.

The comet's nucleus is darker in color and much more varied than had been expected. Borrelly's core is rugged, with at least two mountainous peaks, rolling plains and deep fractures. Moreover, it appears to disrupt the solar wind flowing around it.

``The formation of the comet is not the simple process we once thought it was," said David Young of the University of Michigan. ``Most of the charged particles are formed to one side, which is not what we expected."

A steely resolve against radioactive recycling

Sue Fox
Los Angeles Times

A million tons of radioactive scrap metal may find a new shelf-life in products ranging from soup cans and wristwatches to automobiles and artificial hips.

It would be a mammoth recycling project for a legacy of the Nuclear Age. Under a proposal being considered by the Bush administration, the federal government is seeking new uses for lightly contaminated metal as it cleans up its obsolete weapon plants and research labs.

Recycling the scrap, mostly steel, could save the government more than $1 billion, according to Department of Energy projections. Otherwise, it would have to be buried in dumps designed for radioactive refuse or converted into containers for nuclear waste.

But the plan is opposed by metal industry groups, which fear the wrath of public opinion, as well as by environmentalists, who fear potential harm to public health.

Government officials insist that the metal would expose people to only minute doses of radiation, perhaps less than 1 percent of the amount they encounter in their everyday lives.

``I don't question their science," said Bill Heenan, president of the Pittsburgh-based Steel Recycling Institute. ``But it doesn't matter. It's contaminated in the eyes of the consumer. Perception is reality. There's no middle ground here."

Poll numbers don't bode well for radioactive recyclables. A 1999 study found that 61 percent of 1,000 respondents opposed reusing contaminated steel in consumer products. That sentiment remained even if government scientists assured people that the metal was safe.

Environmental groups, meanwhile, say that the danger is real. They warn that radioactive metal, no matter how slightly contaminated, could increase the risk of cancer and birth defects.

The American steel industry recycles about 70 million tons of scrap each year. It makes new steel from melted-down cans, cars, appliances and construction materials. Such reuse generated more than $5.5 billion in revenue last year, according to the Steel Recycling Institute. The recycled metal ends up in an array of consumer products.

For years, the Energy Department had quietly released to recyclers and landfills tiny amounts of contaminated material, including metal, from nuclear weapon factories and research labs. But debate over the practice has flared in the last two years as the government steps up large-scale decommissioning of nuclear plants.

``Very little has gotten out before now," said Daniel Hirsch, president of the Committee to Bridge the Gap, a Los Angeles-based nuclear watchdog group. ``But we're talking about opening the floodgates."

During cleanup of the Oak Ridge uranium-enrichment plant in Tennessee, the escalating controversy prompted the Energy Department last year to suspend the release of scrap metal. Then-Energy Secretary Bill Richardson said the department would establish a policy to ensure that recyclable metal shows no ``detectable" radioactivity.

Under President Bush, the Energy Department has continued studying alternatives to disposing of tainted metal. Options include releasing it to recyclers, extending the ban or tightening standards for acceptable radioactivity levels.

Energy Department officials maintain that the old standards were safe. To regulate radioactivity, the agency long relied on 1974 limits that allowed a broad range of contamination, depending on the radioactive element involved.

In general, the maximum potential dose allowed for various elements was roughly 1 millirem, a measure of radiation, a year. The average person is exposed to about 360 millirems annually from natural sources such as cosmic rays, and medical procedures such as X-rays, the department estimates.

``We're not aware of any health or environmental effects from what we were doing before," said Terry Plummer, an Energy Department planner reviewing the policy. ``But we want to review the alternatives with full public participation."

Environmentalists argue that radioactivity wreaks its deadly damage slowly, through repeated exposure to small doses over many years. Some say that the government's old policy actually permitted exposure to doses of up to 100 millirems a year, for each of hundreds of radioactive elements.

That's enough to produce one fatal cancer case per 287 people exposed, said Diane D'Arrigo of the Nuclear Information and Resource Service, a Washington-based environmental group.

Even if the government decides to offer the radioactive metal to recyclers, it likely would find few takers. Most major steel mills and scrap recyclers feature detection devices designed to stop contaminated scrap from reaching the furnace. If radioactive steel finds its way in, the contamination can cost millions of dollars to repair.

And then there is Big Steel's image of unswerving reliability no small matter in an industry already crippled by waves of foreign imports and global oversupply.

``When people think of steel, they think of safety and strength," Heenan said. ``We take that very seriously."

The Energy Department has hosted several public meetings to gather input on its recycling proposal. It plans more sessions in early October.

For now, scrap metal is piling up at government installations as demolition crews wait for the go-ahead.

When is racial profiling okay?

Michael Kinsley
Washington Post

When thugs menace someone because he looks Arabic, that's racism. When airport security officials single out Arabic-looking men for a more intrusive inspection, that's something else. What is the difference? The difference is that the airport security folks have a rational reason for what they do. An Arab-looking man heading toward a plane is statistically more likely to be a terrorist. That likelihood is infinitesimal, but the whole airport rigmarole is based on infinitesimal chances. If trying to catch terrorists this way makes sense at all, then Willie Sutton logic says you should pay more attention to people who look like Arabs than to people who don't. This is true even if you are free of all ethnic prejudices. It's not racism.

But that doesn't make it okay. Much of the discrimination that is outlawed in this country correctly outlawed, we (almost) all agree could be justified, often sincerely, by reasons other than racial prejudice.

All decisions about whom to hire, whom to admit, whose suitcase to ransack as he's rushing to catch a plane are based on generalizations from observable characteristics to unobservable ones. But even statistically valid generalizations are wrong in particular instances. (Many blacks are better prepared for college than many whites. Virtually every Arab hassled at an airport is not a terrorist.) Because even rational discrimination has victims, and because certain generalizations are especially poisonous, America has decided that these generalizations (about race, gender, religion and so on) are morally wrong. They are wrong even if they are statistically valid, and even if not acting on them imposes a real cost.

Until recently, the term ``racial profiling" referred to the police practice of pulling over black male drivers disproportionately, on the statistically valid but morally offensive assumption that black male drivers are more likely to be involved in crime. Now the term has become virtually a synonym for racial discrimination. But if ``racial profiling" means anything specific at all, it means rational discrimination: racial discrimination with a non-racist rationale. The question is: When is that okay?

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The tempting answer is never: Racial discrimination is wrong no matter what the rationale. Period. But today we're at war with a terror network that just killed 6,000 innocents and has anonymous agents in our country planning more slaughter. Are we really supposed to ignore the one identifiable fact we know about them? That may be asking too much.

And there is another complication in the purist view: affirmative action. You can believe (as I do) that affirmative action is often a justifiable form of discrimination, but you cannot sensibly believe that it isn't discrimination at all. Racial profiling and affirmative action are analytically the same thing. When the cops stop black drivers or companies make extra efforts to hire black employees, they are both giving certain individuals special treatment based on racial generalizations. The only difference is that in one case the special treatment is something bad and in the other it's something good. Yet defenders of affirmative action tend to deplore racial profiling and vice versa.

The truth is that racial profiling and affirmative action are both dangerous medicines that are sometimes appropriate. So when is ``sometimes"? It seems obvious to me, though not to many others, that discrimination in favor of historically oppressed groups is less offensive than discrimination against them. Other than that, the considerations are practical. How much is at stake in forbidding a particular act of discrimination? How much is at stake in allowing it?

A generalization from stereotypes may be statistically rational, but is it necessary? When you're storming a plane looking for the person who has planted a bomb somewhere, there isn't time to avoid valid generalizations and treat each person as an individual. At less urgent moments, like airport check-in, the need to use ethnic identity as a shortcut is less obvious. And then there are those passengers in Minneapolis last week who insisted that three Arab men (who had cleared security) be removed from the plane. These people were making a cost, benefit and probability analysis so skewed that it amounts to simple racism. (And Northwest Airlines' acquiescence was shameful.)

So what about singling out Arabs at airport security checkpoints? I am skeptical of the value of these check-in rituals in general, which leads me to suspect that the imposition on a minority is not worth it. But assuming these procedures do work, it's hard to argue that helping to avoid another Sept, 11 is not worth the imposition, which is pretty small: inconvenience and embarrassment.

A colleague says that people singled out at airport security should be consoled with frequent flier miles. They're already getting an even better consolation: The huge increase in public sensitivity to anti-Muslim and anti-Arab prejudice, which President Bush-to his enormous credit-has made such a focal point of his response to Sept. 11. And many victims of racial profiling at the airport may not need any consolation. After all, they don't want to be hijacked and blown up either.

Targeting Terror: U.S. Can Learn From Other Nations' Efforts

Los Angeles Times

Casting about for an approach to fight global terrorism, the United States might well look at how other countries have waged their own struggles.

There are key differences. Many countries have battled largely home-grown organizations with national or regional grievances, while the United States is taking on a shadowy network that spans continents and cultures.

But there also are lessons to be learned. One is that military might alone does little to eradicate terrorism. Security officials across the globe stress the importance of human intelligence, espionage and surveillance.

An effective battle requires patience, painstaking sleuthing and perhaps years of work. It may also require rather unsavory methods that the United States might not be eager to engage in.

Americans can be expected to willingly dispatch commando squads like Germany, but will they accept the hunting down and slaying of suspects, a tactic that has worked for Israel? Would Americans accept the faceless courts of Peru, where masked judges swiftly sent hundreds of terrorists, and many innocent people, to bleak prisons?

Generational Patterns May Influence Shows' Popularity

Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD-To some, the same generational patterns that influence politics and culture have turned up repeatedly in prime-time television.

"They've been called by different names over the years, but they just keep recycling," said Chuck Bachrach, executive vice president for media and programming at Rubin Postaer and Associates, a Los Angeles-based advertising agency. "It's the same with the shows."

If defining these patterns generally eludes a business where five out of six new programs don't last to see a second season, most also concede that the zeitgeist of the times plays a part in determining which programs take root.

Dramas such as "ER," which offered heroic young doctors in an emergency room, and "The West Wing," a series whose White House staffers nobly wear their patriotism on their sleeves, seemingly fulfilled a certain sense of longing among viewers. In each case, the series responded to apprehension within society at the time, from the reliability of the nation's health-care system to reduced faith in government, said Don Ohlmeyer, who ran NBC's West Coast operations when those programs were introduced.

"What both shows created was a place that you wished existed," Ohlmeyer said.

Brazilian women ravaged by AIDS

ANTHONY FAIOLA
THE WASHINGTON POST

LONDRINA, Brazil - Adriana Dorta easily recognizes the stunned, terrified faces of women walking through the doors of the AIDS foundation where she counsels new patients. In this quiet city in the heart of southern Brazil's fertile, coffee-growing region, the number of women infected with the virus that causes AIDS increased 10-fold during the 1990s. Many of them, like Dorta, 29, were the loyal wives of unfaithful husbands.

They lived in a world of denial. Dorta let her hair fall out, dropped to less than 70 pounds and became paralyzed in her left side before agreeing to be tested for a disease she believed afflicted only homosexuals, prostitutes and intravenous drug users.

"Housewives have become accustomed to denial in this macho country where we pretend that our husbands' love affairs and, in my case, the beatings my spouse gave me aren't really happening," Dorta said.

After receiving treatment, she has recovered her lustrous black hair and regained some of her lost mobility. But she knows the infection remains. Her husband of 13 years died of AIDS-related complications in 1999.

"I laughed when the doctor first told me I had AIDS," she said. "I thought, what a ridiculous man this is! AIDS doesn't happen to married women who are faithful to their husbands. But it is happening. My Lord, is it happening! It's becoming an epidemic within an epidemic."

Although Brazil, Latin America's largest country, has one of the world's most progressive anti-AIDS programs, women housewives in particular are becoming infected at an alarming rate. A recent government survey showed the number of new AIDS cases reported among women shot up 75.3 percent from 1994 to 1998, compared with a 10.2 percent increase among men. The vast majority of women catching the virus are heterosexual and do not use intravenous drugs. Although some are prostitutes, experts say many are married or in long-term relationships.

The trend in Brazil mirrors the devastating toll AIDS is taking on women worldwide. In 2000, women made up 47 percent of the world's 34.7 million adults living with the AIDS virus, compared with 41 percent in 1997, according to a United Nations report. U.N. specialists predict the number of women with AIDS will equal or surpass men by next year.

In Brazil and the rest of Latin America, the rate of infection among heterosexual women is growing faster than in any other group. Experts say the culture of machismo makes it difficult for powerless women to insist on condom use. Many men, particularly among the poor, consider it emasculating to adhere to a woman's request for safe sex. And a certain measure of acceptance of the straying husband puts wives at even greater risk.

The strong stigma of AIDS as a gay disease has led some infected men to seek treatment without telling their wives and families, or to simply refuse to be tested, choosing instead to die before being diagnosed. Cultural pressures against homosexuality, especially outside big cities, have led many gay and bisexual men into marriages with women.

It's a deadly problem for women in Brazil, a country lauded worldwide for its aggressive government program to develop generic versions of AIDS drugs and distribute at no cost the AIDS "cocktail" used to treat patients. Several state and municipal governments have launched AIDS awareness classes in schools and hand out free condoms.

But health officials concede that it's been a major challenge to change the cultural norms in a society well known for sensuality and male chauvinism. Until this year, newly married men had the right to divorce their wives if they discovered they were not virgins. For decades, Brazilian men who murdered their unfaithful wives routinely used a "defense of honor" argument to win reduced or deferred sentences. The Supreme Court abolished that practice in 1991.

"One of our biggest enemies in AIDS prevention is machismo," said Paulo Roberto Teixeira, secretary of Brazil's AIDS program. "We need to empower women, especially those living in poverty who have even less ability to negotiate sex with their partners. But we also need to educate wives of all classes, who often don't see themselves with any risk factor. The solution will go hand in hand with feminism and women's liberation. It is the only way."

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> **Londrina, Brazil**

The government is trying to address cultural pressures by sponsoring AIDS education classes taught in corporate offices and community centers by women living with AIDS. But changing Brazilian sexual habits is no easy business.

During one class offered to phone company managers in Porto Alegre, a city of 2 million in Brazil's deep south, women listened closely while men tended to take it more lightly. As instructor Maria Beatriz Pacheco, who contracted AIDS from her ex-husband, spoke seriously about the need for safe sex even among married couples, one swaggering manager in a suit and tie joked, "Come on, they haven't invented the condom big enough for a Brazilian man."

"We have so far to go," Pacheco said. "Even if a wife knows her husband is cheating, it is more likely he will accuse her of infidelity for just suggesting he use a condom. We are trying to change that, but it will take a long time."

In the more conservative countryside, many patients are diagnosed only after their cases have become advanced enough to warrant hospitalization. In Londrina, an agricultural city of 500,000 about 300 miles southwest of Sao Paulo, women now make up about 40 percent of the 1,200 known AIDS cases, compared to less than 10 percent in the early 1990s. But there are many, many more who fear being tested, and may die quickly as a result.

Women who are more open about their condition are ostracized. One is Silvana Gomes, 38, who contracted AIDS from her late husband of 12 years.

"People know me in town now, and when I get on a crowded bus, everyone moves away from me and I sit alone," said Gomes, who heads a support group for women with AIDS. "Other women see that response, and their fear of getting tested grows even greater. I just hope it also makes them press their husbands to use condoms."

Married women who do face up to the disease find themselves dealing with a jumble of emotions. Some grow to despise their husbands. Others opt for forgiveness.

Sao Paulo nurse Catarina de Madeira, 49, discovered her unfaithful husband had infected her in 1997. She moved to Londrina, away from their friends and family, to care for him until he died last March.

"I feel a lot of emotions, but not anger and hate," she said. "I loved my husband until the end. I don't blame him; we are all human. But I suppose I made the choice to forgive largely because I don't want to spend the rest of my life giving in to bitterness and rancor. Life is too short."

Rebel zone scene of showdown between guerillas, candidate

RUTH MORRIS
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BOGOTA, Colombia- Heavily armed rebel fighters blocked Colombia's front-running presidential candidate from entering their southern haven Saturday, casting new doubts on the viability of peace talks.

Liberal candidate Horacio Serpa had planned to lead about 2,000 supporters by bus into the heart of the zone, which was ceded to the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, three years ago.

The so-called demilitarized zone was created as a venue for peace talks, but critics say it has allowed the FARC to improve its military position while negotiations founder.

Once inside the Switzerland-size swath of land, Serpa was expected to lead a rally against ongoing rebel abuses there. The plan unraveled, however, on a dirt road near the hamlet of Balsillas, just outside rebel territory.

Video footage taken by journalists showed Serpa descending from his bus with supporters who waved white handkerchiefs, and then gathering spikes that had been thrown in the convoy's path.

Rebels with automatic rifles at their hips warned the protesters to turn back, and white banners drawn across the road warned of landmines and car bombs farther ahead.

"This aggressive and stupid behavior by the FARC demonstrates their complete lack of consistency where the peace process is concerned," said Serpa, reached by telephone as he retreated to the nearby city of Neiva. "If the guerrillas don't want peace, I'm going to be their adversary."

The blockade also moved President Andres Pastrana to hot indignation.

In what seemed at first to be a strong act of defiance against the FARC, the president said he would preside over a meeting of political leaders smack in the middle of the rebel haven the next day. Later in the evening, however, he canceled the trip.

"With this attitude, the FARC are putting their word and their will for peace in doubt," Pastrana said in a strongly worded communique. "The demilitarized zone can not be off limits for any democratic event. The FARC are newly mistaken with this daring act."

A presidential media officer said Pastrana had given no reason for the sudden change of plans but seemed to be acting on advice by his security team.

Besides holding half-hearted peace talks in the zone, the FARC have been using the area to hide kidnapping victims, to traffic arms, to recruit minors and to process cocaine.

Just last month, the military arrested three IRA suspects who were leaving the zone's de facto capital, San Vicente del Caguan, with false passports. Prosecutors charge that the trio spent five weeks at a nearby camp teaching rebels to make explosives.

The blockade came just days before Pastrana must decide whether to extend the term of the FARCs southern haven, due to expire Oct. 6.

Even before Serpa's run-in with the rebels, pressure was mounting for the president to deny the extension unless the FARC makes some kind of peace gesture. In the three years since Pastrana set aside the zone as a "laboratory for peace," negotiations have stalled, fighting has escalated, and public patience has worn thin.

The demilitarized zone at the heart of this dispute blankets 16,200 square miles of tropical lowlands and has become virtually a state within a state.

Rebel fighters conduct security checks on roads leading into and out of the area and keep close tabs on residents.

Even Pastrana, traveling to the FARC haven seven months ago, was forced to leave his security detail at home and entrust his safety to hundreds of FARC foot soldiers instead.

The Cut

Top 5 things not to say to a girl in a bar: 5) So, how much have YOU had to drink? 4) Wanna see a picture of my ex-wife? 3) Are those real? 2) People leave so many unfinished drinks around, would you like one too? 1) Can you save my spot at the bar while I go take a dump?

CHRIS WARD

I'll start with a salute to two teams. First is our winning football team. I'm not the biggest sports fan but you're kicking butt and that can't be bad. Second is to the military men and women on this campus, both active and reserve. Go get 'em and get back in one piece. I'd like to go with you instead of just sitting here pissed off.

I advocate a carefully measured retaliation in response to Sep. 11. There's a world of difference between righteous anger and the blind hatred of a group of people in general, which the majority of this campus understood even on Sep. 10. Now you haters, yeah I'm talkin' to you. You guys on the campus shuttle talkin' hate about Arabs last week, I'm talkin' to you. You ineffectual little xenophobic militarists, you got put in your place by a Syrian female student on that shuttle, too. LOL. I don't think you actually hate all Arabs or Muslims, though...perhaps you just need to learn to channel your excess testosterone more effectively. Perhaps the long-repressed inadequacies your group shares from substandard-sized genetalia begets a rage that simply must be expressed. Either way, your low self-esteem is not the fault of the students and faculty of Middle-eastern descent on this campus. Take just a minute to wonder aloud how many Muslim family's loved ones may have died that day.

Meeko said to toast an english muffin, then put cream cheese and a little jelly on it. It's fantastic. He also said to those of you who write personal ads that only like two people get, you need to quit it. Widen your demographic.

Okay so from your emails here's a few lame things that are going on lately. First off, remember that voluntary hall activity fee that you waived on your bill? I guess R.A.s are going around asking people to change their minds about that. In Dickinson Hall there's a paper being passed around that says something like "You have yet to pay your hall activity fee", as though it were something you (or your parents) might have forgotten. As though you may be penalized for not paying. You won't. Don't let them pressure you. You may see a list of things you can't participate in if you don't pay but: 1. Half that stuff you probably don't do anyway, and 2. As of this writing there's no way for the kid handing out free cotton candy or pool balls in your dorm to actually check who's paid, it's even easier than bluffing your way into the Fitness Center.

I also got some negative comments about classes being held in the Dickinson Commons Room. Professors shooing kids out of their own lounge? What if you need to cook lunch? What if you have no TV in your room? Now you've got a cable bill with nowhere to watch it. What if you just got "persuaded" to pay that hall activity fee and you want to shoot some pool between classes? Dammit, get angry and burn some stuff. No don't.

I'm trying to come up with a name for the new WSC logo, and I believe I've got the winning entry: "Pilecki the Horny Owl" Only some of you are gonna get that. I'll tell you the story next week, it's a good one. Remind me, though, and keep that email coming...Seamus2003@yahoo.com

No, I don't like this newspaper's new format. It looks like a course offering booklet.

I'll end with an appeal to our Science Dept. to please start picking up Dr. Giuliano's tab for candy. His teaching methods work like few others, plus he's the coolest.

Peace and Balance..

C. Ward is a Voice columnist

Ask Hootz?

Q: Dear Hootz,

What would you do if you were crushing over your ex-girlfriend's roomate?

A: First, find out if she is kinda crushing over you. Then you would definately have a chance. But it really depends on how much respect you have for your ex-girlfriend. If you broke up on mutual terms, or she broke it off with you, though, then what would be the big deal? It shouldn't be an issue. You should not lose out on someone good because you feel bad. Unless, of course, you really value your friendship with your ex. If that's the case, then think twice. Otherwise, jump on it.

Kevin's Korner

I'm writing this after returning from the best experience of my life. I just attended a peace rally and march in Washington, D.C. It was quite exciting to see so many people rallying for a peaceful solution to the problem of terrorism, and for changes in U.S. foreign policy in general. This is the only way to ensure a permanent solution, one which recognizes the rights of people on both sides. People in many parts of the world have good reson to hate the United States government and it's policies. Put yourself in the shoes of a Palestinian who is afraid to walk down the street for fear of being shot at with American weapons in the hands of Israeli troops. There are people in Iraq who have no food because of our stringent sanctions. Farmers in Columbia cannot grow crops because American-made chemicals have been sprayed on them.

KEVIN HEATON

These are just a few examples of why our country is so despised. Although this is a great country, for many people, our policies give us a negative image. Changing foreign policy will not only help others, but us as well. Imagine how much food could be bought, schools improved, and jobs created with just half of the military budget. Why not improve lives, rather than destroy them? This is what our country, known as the "Land of Opportunity", should stand for.

Government policies are not likely to change, not any time soon. This is all the more reason why people need to band together and fight injustices. In this age of the internet, the web is filled with sites devoted to global and social justice issues. Americans don't have to wait for the mainstream media to catch on. The priviledge of living in a democracy comes with a great responsibility. This duty is to hold the government responsible for it's actions, and to not let them, through the media, convince us that the U.S. is always right, and that everyone else is wrong.

Of course, we have to ask ourselves if the U.S. is really a democracy. We have only two political parties, with a large amount of representation. Many Americans don't vote, partly because they see little difference between the two parties. A true democracy would give all parties an equal share in the government.. Also, the media would be unafraid of retribution, free to remain neutral in politics. Americans need to stop resisting change, and allow for more inclusion in our political system.

This inclusiveness is necessary for a true democracy, even if some people have to lose power. Why should large corporations have all the money and lobbyists, while others must fend for themselves? America is supposed to be a land of "Liberty and Justice for all."

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Road race named in memory of former student

Six years ago, a young man stepped into the Westfield State College Cross Country uniform to perform to the best of his ability for his team, college, family, and himself. His name was James Raymond Earley. Although I never had the chance to know James personally, through family, friends, coaches, professors, and others, I continue to learn about the wonderful person James was and admire him for the ideals he stood for.

The Lord brought James to his side on August 24, 1995 as his life was tragically taken in a motorcycle accident. James was blessed with a remarkable family and they with him. Through my church, I have become close friends with his mother, Eugenie. Her passion and devotion to her son and his memory led her and others to organize a scholarship fund in his honor. This scholarship is given to a graduate of James' high school Wahconah Regional High School in Dalton, who will be attending Westfield State College and bestows the qualities and ideals that James lived for. The money for this scholarship is raised through road races. I was blessed with the honor of James' scholarship upon entering Westfield State College. The support and love I have received from his family has forever changed my life and my college experience.

James' race will be held in Westfield at Stanley Park at 1 :00 p.m. on Saturday, October 13. The race will follow the path that James' often ran in this beautiful area. This race not only helps to remember James and honor his life and ideals, but it goes well beyond that. The race connects the towns of Bceket (James' home town), Dalton, and Westfield in a kinship honoring the blessing of James' life and continuing influence. On behalf of James' family, I am asking you to join us by volunteering or participating in this wonderful event. You can get involved by contacting Dr. Robert Rausch, the cross-country coach, at 572-5392 or visit him in Parenzo 019. You can also show up a half-hour before the race to register to run

James "loved to live and lived to love." Help us to remember his passion and spread it to others. Thank you.

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Nose Knows...maybe

KRISTINA MARTINELLI

First off, I would just like to say. . . The Red Sox rock!

Have you ever used your imagination to come up with the coolest new game on the block? Ever wonder what it would be like to go climbing Mt. Tekoa? There are a bunch of things out there to do, you just have to use your noggin and think about them. That, and you have to be motivated to get up from watching your soap opera to go outside and do them.

Two weekends ago I was outside with a couple of people and a 55-gallon steel drum. I mean, just think of the possibilities. You could roll down a hill inside of it, make a grill, a meat smoker, or you could just set a fire in it and warm your hands like the people in the movies. There are a phenomenal amount of possibilities, right? You wouldn't imagine the looks that we got that night from curious on-lookers. I think they were just jealous that they didn't have one, too.

If you're shaking your head right now, then you just don't get it. The objective is to have fun with who and whatever you're with. Too many people nowadays are unsatisfied with their surroundings. Everyone is always saying, "There is nothing to do on this campus. It sucks!" I strongly disagree. I've decided that lately people don't use their imagination enough to come up with ideas for anything to do. When they do get an idea it's, "I don't feel like it."

This is my second semester at WSC and I have met so many people and have hardly ever been bored. You can just ask my roommates. I am never in the room. Most of the time, I am off in one the clubs I am involved in. There are so many to choose from. I think as a first semester freshman last year, I knew more people on campus than some of my friends did in two years.

I think that if you really wanted, you would never be bored. Let's take homework... people could actually get it done! Imagine that. That's something you never thought of. Actually, that wouldn't be my first choice either. How about this? You could set up some game of capture the flag in the evenings or get together with your sections and have a hula-hoop contest. You know, some of those guys can really swing their hips. Some people have to start being more creative than looking for parties at the apartments.

It just seems to me that there is a lot of doing nothing around this campus and people don't want to do anything about it. I personally have enjoyed my time here at WSC and have had a very busy, non-boring schedule. I think it would be wise if everyone joined a club or intramural sport, or at least attended the activities provided on campus, like the plays or coffeehouses. You may meet new people and it wouldn't be boring. I've gotten quite a few laughs when I've gone to karaoke. Life has to be more exciting than sitting in a dorm room day in and day out talking about classes and what you ate for lunch on IM.

The point is to have fun. We're in college and our parents aren't here. It's a time to live life on our own, meet people, and go through NEW experiences. You should be going out and doing just that.

For all of you wondering—Nose is my B-Girl name.

K. Martinelli is a Voice columnist

MassPirg guilty of littering?

Over the past couple of days, I have been taking time to pick up the litter on our campus, rather than pass it by, as I see many people do. At first, I would just toss the papers that I picked up into the nearest trash receptacle. The majority of trash that I picked up was fliers that were hung up on the walls and bulletin boards.

On my way to South Lot, I accumulated a lot of fliers from the ground. I kept picking them up crumpling them into a ball to throw away. When I got to my car I noticed a flier on my windshield that looked like the ones I had seen blowing around the parking lot like tumble weeds. I took it from my windshield but didn't bother looking at it right away. When I got into my car I decided to see what all these papers I had gathered were for.

When I uncrumpled the ball of papers, I noticed that they were advertisments to join MassPirg. At first, I didn't think anything of it, except "Gee, they must be desperate for joiners". As I was driving, I realized and remembered what MassPirg was all about. They are the people of our community that are trying to clean up our enviroment. "How ironic," I thought to myself.

I decided to count and see how many of fliers I picked up off the ground outside were advertisments for MassPirg. I found that six out of eight fliers were for MassPirg. This boggled my mind. MassPirg, while trying to get people to join in the fight to save the enviroment, were, in this case, responsible for more than half the problem. Not only was the paper being wasted, but it was also causing pollution to our campus and surrounding community.

I shared this information with some friends and peers. They too expressed that they had seen some of the fliers blowing around. We were all a little shocked by this occurence. We wanted to share this information to those of MassPirg, but decided that the whole campus should know about it, not so the students can be mad at MassPirg, but so that they can know of the irony of the whole situation.

A voice on campus

Life (according to me).

JON SEWELL

I just finished reading "High Fidelity" this afternoon. It was a pretty good read. I haven't seen the movie, but in the book the main character spends much of his waking life compiling lists of his favorite songs, albums, and other related pop culture stuff (stuff...I'm one literate little monkey, aren't I?). Anyway, I figured that I'd give you a look at a few of my own lists, and maybe a little insight into who I am, and how in God's name I got this way.

Ok, let's start with my top songs. Making lists like this for music is tough, because there's just so much to choose from, and I know I'll be forgetting several. But as it stands this very moment my five favorite songs, in no paticular order, are (I think): 1) "Superman" by Goldfinger- basically, this song kinda defines my views on, well, me (I imagine this sounds cocky, if you don't know me or the song). 2) "Romeo and Juliet" by Dire Straits- "You promised me everything, you promised me thick and thin; and now you say 'oh Romeo, yeah, y'know I used to have a scene with him.'" As the cliche goes, 'nuff said. 3) "Born To Run" (only the live acoustic one, though), by Bruce Springsteen- it has what I consider to be the greatest line in all of rock and roll: "together we can live with the sadness, I'll love you with all the madness in my soul". Man, I get shivers just thinking about it, especially on the acoustic version I mentioned. 4) "Come Pick Me Up" by Ryan (not Bryan) Adams- if you haven't had the pleasure of hearing this guy yet, do so soon. Go back to your room, get onto Napster or Aimster, or whatever, and download as much as you can. 5) "Mama Kin" by Aerosmith- this one almost didn't make it. But then I remembered the time my friends and I were driving across the state and this song came on the radio. Within ten seconds we were driving about 30 mph faster. That says something.

> **Anyway, I figured that I'd give you a look at a few of my own lists, and maybe a little insight into who I am, and how in God's name I got this way.**

Moving beyond single songs, we've got full albums. Here goes: 1) "Eric Clapton Unplugged"- acoustic "Layla". Eric playing a kazoo. What more do you need? 2) "Heartbreaker" by (once again) Ryan Adams- why aren't you downloading him yet??? Seriously, this has to be one of the most aptly named albums ever. His new album, Gold, is nearly as good. Neither compare to seeing him live, though. 3) "Bob Seger's Greatest Hits"- this has to be the best road trip CD ever. Most of the songs are easy to play on guitar, too, which is a plus (I'm not quite sure why it's a plus, but it is). 4) "Nebraska" by Bruce Springsteen- the fact that he made it with an acoustic guitar, a harmonica, and a 4-track is cool enough as it is. The fact that it's some of the most haunting lyrics and vocals I've ever heard makes it even better. 5) "Zeppelin IV"- well, let's see. "Black Dog", "Rock n Roll", "Stairway to Heaven", "Battle of Evermore, etc.

I like movies. I like them a lot. So it was hard to pick five. In doing so, however, I realized that my exposure to film was rather limited. I'm taking a film class this semester, so that should help. Plus, I've finally managed to clear up that nasty little (big) late charge at Blockbuster, so maybe I can start checking out some classics. Y'know, get all cultured and stuff. Besides, I've got the time, as my social calender ain't exactly booked on the weekends...Anyway, my top five movies: 1) "Last of the Mohicans"- the cinematography and soundtrack may have been good enough to carry this movie even if the plot and acting were weak. The plot and the acting weren't weak, though. The last 30 minutes or so is some of the best filmmaking I've ever seen. 2) "The Crow"- the dark feel of this flick is what originally won me over. These days, moody anti-hero types are a dime-a-dozen, but at the time, this was a pretty unique movie. Good soundtrack, too. But for your own sake, don't bother with the sequels. 3) "Boondock Saints"- Boston. Irish brothers. The Mob. Mayhem. A cool family prayer. It's good. 4) "Shawshank Redemption"- two of my favorite actors. Besides, the picture on the movie poster and video cover? The one with Robbins looking up into the rain? Well, that should tell you enough right there. 5) "This is Spinal Tap"- the single funniest movie I've ever seen. "They're bread eaters, but, as a race, have developed no baking skills..."

All right, finally we come to books. This, I'm afraid, is where I'll really show some ignorance (I can just hear the English majors; "Ha! What a dork. No Vonnegut..."). 1) "The Power of One", by Bryce Courteney- read this book. Find out why boxing is great, why racism is evil, and end up with a warm feeling of infinate self worth. Repeat many, many times. 2) "Catcher in the Rye" (of course), by JD Salinger- I like Holden. I relate to him in a whole number of ways. There's a good reason why we all had to read this in high school: because it's good. 3) "Byzantium", by Steven Lawhead- historical fiction with a fantasy feel, Byzantium had some of the most insightful commentary on the nature of faith that I've ever read. I hardly expected that when I picked it up. I just thought a novel about an Irish monk sounded kinda fun. But hey, I'm not complaining. 4) "Early Autumn", by Robert B. Parker- remember that old TV series Spenser for Hire? Well, that show was based on a series of novels about a Boston PI named, coincidentally enough, Spenser. The show is long gone, but the novels keep coming, the newest having been released a couple months back. Anyhow, this is one of Parker's earlier books. Like most of his work, it's definate brain candy...but very well written brain candy featuring one of the coolest literally characters ever concieved. This book appeals to every silly idealistic dream I have about how I wish the world would work, and Spenser is all about the sort of person I want to be...well, minus the private eye part (sigh, if only it were really like the movies). It's also the best intro to the Spenser books (Looking for Racheal Wallace is another), and could easily be read in an afternoon. Check it out. 5) "Fellowship of the Ring", by JRR Tolkien- I grew up on fantasy, and this is a classic example of the genre. The movie is coming out this December, which, to fantasy fans, is what Episode One was to Star Wars folks (well, the anticipation anyway...hopefully not the dissapointment).

So there it is. Pop Culture (according to me). Hope you enjoyed it. I would have, but now I'm cursing myself for forgetting so many greats. Like "Alternative, Baby". Or Pearl Jam's "Ten". Or "To Kill A Mockingbird". Or "Casablanca", or...Ok, I'm gonna stop while I'm ahead.

Thanks for checking in, and I'll see you all next week.

J. Sewell is a Voice columnist

Coffeehouse

■ *Continued from Page 1*

last year, but lost their member that goes to WSC. With a set full of energy, they got the crowd to their feet. They also announced that they would be playing at The Flywheel in Easthampton on October 13 with Shirts Off In Advance.

Leap Year Effect is sophomores Steven Ritson on vocals, Joe Skahan on bass/vocals, Greg Marsh on guitar, Dave Boczenowski on guitar and Rory Bellows on drums. After Leap Year finished, vocalist Ritson said that he looks forward to future coffeehouses. "I have had a lot of fun. I thought we played great," he said. "The other bands that have played are great and we hope that we can play again."

Audience member Lis Collins, a sophomore, said she really liked some of the music tonight, but misses some of the old acts that used to play. "I think that there was a better variety of music last year. This one has been really good though. I think that Leap Year Effect rocked too."

Nate Sigman, a sophomore, Jon Berman, the RD of Davis Hall, and Brian Gorman, a junior, joined together to perform a cover of Dave Matthews Band's "#41." Sigman played the guitar and sang, while Berman performed on the tenor saxophone and Gorman played the guitar. They also performed after The Elements Crew as well.

After they played, Gorman said the coffeehouse was going well, but not quite the same as it used to be. "I think we did good," he said. There are a lot of good bands here, but not as much of the coffeehouse type atmosphere I was used to, but I liked everyone's performances."

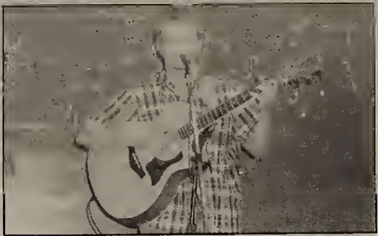
Scott O' Hara, a sophomore audience member, said he enjoyed the evening's performances. "I think that it has gone pretty well," he said. "Leap Year Effect was really good and they get better every time I hear them perform."

The Elements Crew performed their break-dancing act next, and they were the highlight of the evening, bringing all in the crowd to their feet if they already weren't standing. The dances were choreographed extremely well. They had guest break-dancers from Agawam and WSC alumni Shaun Davis who performed last year with them.

The Elements Crew features Martin Lee, senior, Katie Baker, sophomore, Kristina Martinelli, sophomore, Katie Young, junior, Jenn Gilberts, sophomore, Dave Berube, Kyle Rudolph, and Steve Becker, sophomore.

Ending the night was The Casual Progression featuring seniors Michael Lesanto on vocals/guitar, Tim Moynihan on guitar, and juniors Angela Fiorentino on bongo drums, and Sarah-Ann Broadbent on harmonica. They performed a few of their own songs and a cover of Bob Dylan's "Like A Rolling Stone."

Angela LaPierre, the Vice President of Programming, arranged the coffeehouse for the evening. She said she was pleased with the way the first coffeehouse of the year went. "I think it all went really well and there was a great turnout," LaPierre said. "The flow between acts went very smoothly and the audience seemed to enjoy all of the performances. The bagels from Between Rounds kicked. I can't wait for the next coffeehouse."



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Performers at last week's Coffee House.

The Three

CHRIS PINEO

Chapter Three

"Can I ask where we're going?" Apparently I could, but it seemed that expecting a response from the shadowy figure in the passenger seat was out of the question.

He repeated himself resolutely, "Drive." He proceeded to give me directions. Not anything specific just, "Turn here."

Well, I figured that if he was going to kill me he might have already done so. Then it occurred to me that the man may have simply forgotten the silencer for his gun. If the latter where true than he was taking me to a secluded area outside of the city, where no one would here the gun fre.

I decided to ask him. It seemed logical if I was going to die anyway, it wouldn't hurt to know. "Are you going to kill me?"

"Shut up."

"I'd really like to know." "Be quiet."

He wasn't cooperating. I would have to improvise. I directed the car toward a telephone pole a little ways down the road and floored it.

The thing about sitting in the passenger seat in a car headed about forty miles an hour into a pole is that the driver gets your attention. I had his. He vocalized it, "What are you doing?"

"Either I live or we both die now."

He started screaming. "I'm not going to kill you!"

I slowed down, and got back on the road. I can't remember how many times he said it, but it was a couple. I was we where and I sure as hell couldn't find my way back there now. My passenger ordered me out of the car. I did so. He came around the car and punched me square in the stomach. It was the first time I had taken a punch since grade school. I folded around hiw fist, and was lucky enough to stayon my feet. "That's for almost killing me you psycho," he said with a remarkable level of composure.

He stood over me for a minute. He didn't look as much, angry as disappointed. He crossed his arms and tapped his fingers on his left bicep.

"I brought you here to give you some important information on the story you're working on. Stand up straight, it wasn't that bad. You're working on that story with the senator from Wisconsin."

"Oh God," I groaned, resisting the urge to go fetal. "Yeah, what about it?"

"I represent a party that is interested in seeing you run that story," he said, pulling something from inside his jacket. 'I trust that you recognize these," he held up copies of the pictures I had in my office.

I looked at his eyes and squinted from the considerable moonlight, "What do you want?"

"No Adam, the question is 'What do you want?'" I didn't like where this was going. "Do you want to live out a mediocre life, or do you want to go beyond, do something greater than self?"

"I'm afraid I've missed the point."

"The point is that the story you are currently working on goes far beyond the ramifications of anything you have ever worked on. This is bigger than self. So the point, my paranoid friend, is that when the time comes that you have a real opportunity to do some good in the world. Will you be ready, or will you stay focused on your career?"

This was a lot to take in, but it was a question I had asked myself a number of times. If something truly earth-shattering came up in one of my stories would I risk it all or would I be too consumed with my goals and principles?

I responded, "I think I need more information."

-Tune in next week for part 4

Richard Wilbur
Pulitzer Prize Winner & Past Poet Laureate of the United States will read from his works
Thursday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. in Scanlon Hall. All are welcome to attend.

WSKB Weekly Spotlight

Cyclone Jay

JED DION
A&E EDITOR

For the best in new music, the kind you won't find on commercial radio stations, tune into Jason Renslow's show from 8 to 10 o'clock PM on Wednesdays.

Renslow, a senior majoring in English and Secondary Education likes to spin new bands such as Mint, Mercury Rev and Llama.

Renslow also likes to play Alternative Country bands like Ryan Adams, Wilco and Wally Pleasent.

"Alternative Country is to Pop Country what Puak is to Rock-n-Roll," said Renslow.

Renslow said that he deicided to get involved with the radio station because of the station's advisor, Chris Slaughter.

"I got into it through Prof. Chris Slaughter and going to see Ryan Adams twice in two days in New York City," said Renslow.

Renslow is in his sixth semester with WSKB, this includes his four semesters on the executive board. Renslow serves as WSKB's Music Director.

"I basically review CDs, talk to record promoters and chart what gets played each week. I saw this is an opportunity to get experience working in a radio station. I felt like I could contribute. I wanted to be involved," said Renslow.

Over his six semesters working the air waves, Renslow has shared the job with co-hosts such as Beatdown Sally and Andrea. Under the name Cyclone Jay, Renslow has done his best to play new music straight off the racks at WSKB.

"I got the name Cyclone Jay, from a Hurricane Bobb, a friend. I was inspired by the name, so I made one for myself," said Renslow.

This year Renslow is flying solo behind the WSKB board, also his show is later than his usual afternoon slot.

"I just want WSKB to be the best representation of college radio," said Renslow. College radio is where many bands get their start. Renslow is aware of this and will do everything in his power to give them the support they need.

The Tao of Calvin and Hobbes

JEFFREY J. MUZZY
VOICE STAFF

Innocence is defined as "Not tainted with sin, evil or moral wrong. Not maliciously intended." Though America has certainly seen enough of evil and malicious intent, it made me think of times and things that still, or at least used to invoke a sort of childlike innocence. Whatever happened to snowball fights? Whatever happened to tree forts where no girls were allowed? What about dinosaurs eating your teacher? Basically, whatever happened to Calvin and Hobbes?

In 1985 Bill Watterson created a simple idea of a boy named Calvin and his best friend, a stuffed tiger named Hobbes. That comic, and I think more so than Charlie Brown or any other strip, in that day and today, was not only childlike, but also questioning the world around you seemed so much like being a kid again.

The stories, which even though they were in strip form, four or five panels at a time, were filled with the kinds of things maybe we thought of or did when we were six or seven years old. The stories Watterson put out were about simple things like Calvin's refusal to eat dinner because it was gross and appeared to crawl off his plate. His dislike mixed with fear of his own babysitter, causing him to frustrate her throughout the entire evening. From refusing to take a bath to interrupting her phone call with her boyfriend, Calvin's imagination held no boundaries.

Does anyone remember the Transmogrifier which would turn Calvin into whatever he wanted to be? Calvin spent most of his days pretending he was a dinosaur, a super hero named Stupendous Man and, of course, Spaceman Spiff. His life seemed fun and mischievious to us. To Calvin, it was just a part of life... like playing Calvinball, there were no rules. He knew no sense of the dangers of the world, expressed in the times when he and Hobbes would hop on their red wagon and ride it down the hill oblivious to how hurt they could possibly get. As for Hobbes, he was Calvin's confidant. He was always there when it thundered and when they felt the pain of death when they found the baby raccoon. Hobbes provided the living conscience that Calvin so often ignored and the welcoming when he got home from school. Though some just say, "Welcome home," Hobbes chose to tackle Calvin upon opening door. With Hobbes, it didn't matter if he was real or just came to life in Calvin's mind. He was his best friend. How many of us as a kid had our own imaginary friend? That wasn't the point though, says Watterson. They were a team, everything they did, and they did it together.

In the strip's later years, you could read about merchandising issues. You could find out where Watterson came up with their names, and you could listen to the troubles he had in just the layout of the strip. I know these answers, but I think it takes something away from the strip. I read old collections now and think about what went on behind the scenes. The fights and battles over control of something you love. Not only what Watterson loved, but the millions of loyal readers each day.

Learning that, knowing that, I won't spoil the strip for you by printing it here, because now that I know, the comic loses some of its childlike quality to me. There's a little bit, just a small black spot overlooking what Calvin and Hobbes meant to Watterson and to the fans, including myself. They lost part of their innocence. Watterson once wrote, and I think it's still fitting today; "In a newspaper full of surprising horrors, it's a comforting little ritual to see our favorite characters each morning for a few seconds over coffee. They become friends of sorts. We care about them when they are in trouble, and we count on them to look at life with a slightly amusing twist that may even help us do the same. They are there for us seven days a week, year after year."

Once you forget what your childhood was like, once you start working and climbing through the years in school, you seem to forget these things. When's the last time you snuck up on someone with a water balloon? Girls may no longer be gross, but that's okay. It doesn't mean you can't make strange faces at them.

In the face of impending war, as you balance your checkbook and get cut off on the highway, try to remember this: Remember the wonder of watching a jet fly overhead. Remember when money didn't matter and watching the cars as you looked out the back window of your father's station-wagon. If we do this, then maybe we can try to get back something that we all lost. That little something that others like Calvin, like our little brothers and sisters and nieces and nephews still have. That little innocent perspective on life.

That's my perspective.

Remembered Pasts

COLIN PROCTOR

Part Three

7. The Infamous First kiss.

"There are so many people up there. You guy's are gonna get busted again," Jen said as she sat down on her bed.

"Ya I know, but this time we won't be there." He jumped up on the bed next to her and laid down. He shut his eyes, "I don't even like drinking anymore. It's weird. You're a bad influence on me."

She laid down next to him and closed her eyes too. "Well I did get you to go to start selling crack, so at least your making money now."

Mike laughed and opened his eyes. He looked at her, "I always knew it would pay off to know a crack whore."

She rolled her head to the side to look at him. He caught her eyes and his heart skipped a beat. That weird feeling came back into his stomach. You know the one, like when your riding a roller coaster. This time it was different. He felt like he wanted to cry, it felt so good. He saw her smile fading as she looked at him. Her eyes seemed to grow as he unconsciously moved forward. She rolled over to meet him. After what seemed like hours of anticipation they kissed. In the ten seconds of pure bliss Mike felt like he never had before. The feeling in his stomach spread through out his entire body. Jennifer Elizabeth Green was here right now kissing him and he owned the world.

The door to her room burst open and one of her roommates charged in. "You guys are missing an great frickin'.... Hey were you guy's makin out? Ah it's about frickin' time. You guys come up to the party when you're done making babies". With that, the roommate left.

"Oh my god," Jen sat fully up. "I can't believe that just happened."

"Is it a bad thing that it did," Mike asked?

"NO. No, not at all I just..." Jen fell silent.

Mike sat up next to her. "Well, then do you want to make babies?"

"Dammit Mike," she slapped him on the shoulder and jumped off the bed, "Don't joke about this."

"I have to joke about this. This is intense. I joke when things get intense"

"Well, I don't. This is the last thing I expected to do tonight." She sat back down.

"Me too," Mike said, "But I am happy it did."

"I am too."

They looked at each other. Mike felt that feeling come back into the pit of his stomach.

8. Excruciating Bliss

Apparently the consensus had been for the week after spring break that both apartments had wanted Mike and Jen to get together. That night they stayed up talking about life and what was happening between the two of them. The conversation was periodicaly interupted by a quick kiss. They came to the logical conclusion that they were dating, not going out, and that they would see what happened. The awkwerdness from their goodbyes was gone when Mike gave her a goodnight kiss.

They spent the next month only "dating" and never leaving each others side. They never got in an argument or had a disagreement. They had a set date night every week and were always thinking about each other when they were seperated.

-tune in next week for part four

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Nestor

Mascot's Name A Wise Choice

By Mickey Curtis, SID

Taking his cue from the college moniker, Matthew Tucker used a little bit of wisdom to name the new Westfield State College Owl mascot.

"Nestor" is the mascot's name, and Tucker took advantage of the latest technological craze - the internet - to assist him with the selection process.

"I went to a baby-naming site on the internet and typed in the word wisdom and that's one of the names (Nestor) that came up," explained the freshman communication major from Alford, Mass. (Great Barrington High School).

The dictionary defines Nestor as "a wise old counselor" of the Greeks in the Trojan War. The owl nickname comes from the Goddess of Athena, who was the Goddess of wisdom, and her symbol was the owl.

"It's the perfect name for our mascot," said Westfield State assistant athletics director Nancy Bals, who coordinated the mascot-naming contest.

The selection committee included athletics director Ken Magarian; athletics department secretary Christine Lykens; public relations director Jeanne Julian; and student-athletes Melissa Fitzgerald (cheering) and Aaron Ragland (football).

The students on the committee pointed out that there are some areas on campus referred to by students as "the nest" or "the owl's nest", in particular Alumnni Field and Parenzo Gym.

Tucker also thought of the nest connotation when deciding which name to submit.

The mascot already has generated much interest and school spirit. The mascot has frequented many varsity games this fall and also has represented the college at off campus events.

"Our owl nickname and mascot is a source of pride and unity for the entire college community it represents - students, faculty, staff, parents, alumni, and town residents," said Magarian. "Giving the mascot a name - Nestor - just enhances this school spirit."

The mascot was officially named during the halftime of the football game on Family Weekend, Sept. 29. The other two names being considered were "Ollie" and "Westy." Eight contestants submitted the name Westy and one submitted Ollie. As a consolation prize, each finalist will receive a t-shirt featuring the new college logo.

Tucker's grand prize was $250 in credits at the college bookstore. The wise freshman was seen last Tuesday shopping for Christmas gifts in the bookstore.

Nestor, the Westfield State mascot, was a big hit with youngsters during Westfield Day at the Big E on Thursday, Sept. 27.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

Westfield State Ice Hockey Notices

- **Open tryouts will be held Oct. 12 from 8 to 10 p.m., and Oct. 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Amelia Park arena.**
- **The ice hockey team needs a full-time and part-time student manager.**
- **The first home ice hockey game is Saturday, Nov. 3, at 6:00 p.m. vs. Lehigh, Pa., University. Tickets are $3 for students (with college ID) or $15 season pass.**

Contact coach Brian Ward at 568-5865.

Nestor, the Westfield State mascot, congratulates freshman Matthew Tucker for winning the "Name the Owl" contest.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

Fall Sports Report

Men's Soccer
Westfield 2 - Rivier 1

WESTFIELD - Sophomore Andy Thompson scored with 34 seconds left in the second overtime to give Westfield State a 2-1 men's soccer victory over Rivier.

The teams played nearly 120 minutes before Thompson's game-winning goal. The goal was set up when Chris Whalley (Southwick) headed the ball to Peter Fager (West Springfield). Fager pushed the ball down the right side to Thompson, and the Thorndike native (Palmer High School) blasted his game-winning shot inside the left post.

Westfield opened the scoring with 10 minutes left in the first half on a goal by sophomore forward Jay Chelo of Ludlow. Chelo's blast from 25 yards deflected off a Rivier defender into the net.

Conway recorded 10 saves for Westfield, including a penalty shot in the first half.

Men's Soccer
Worcester State 1 - Westfield 0

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State men's soccer team dropped its conference opener.

Worcester's Jared Downey scored on a blast inside the right post four minutes into the game. Westfield was outshot, 15-7.

Field Hockey
Westfield 1 - Framingham 0

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State field hockey team improved to 2-0 in the Mass. State Conference with a 1-0 victory over Framingham State.

Sophomore Renee Gahan of Waltham scored the game-winning goal with 30:38 left in the first half. Assisting on the goal was Nikki Girolamo.

Field Hockey
Worcester 1 - Westfield 0

WESTFIELD! The Westfield State field hockey team was edged by Woreester State, 1-0, in a Mass. State Conference game Oct. 2.

Kim Van Wert, a junior from Barre (Quabbin Regional), scored the only goal with 21:05 left in the game. Jenessa Murphy, a junior from Deerfield (Frontier Regional), was credited with the assist.

Woreester goalie Alisha Bates recorded eight saves; Westfield goalie Jill Annunciata had two saves.

Volleyball
Westfield Edges Mass Maritime

BUZZARDS BAY - The Westfield State women's volleyball team outlasted Mass. Maritime Academy in five sets (30-8, 28-30, 29-31, 30-14, 15-5).

Westfield improved to 4-0 in the Mass. State Conference and evened its overall record at 7-7.

Women's Volleyball

AMHERST - Westfield State sustained three losses in the Amherst Invitational on Sept. 28-29.

Amherst swept the Owls on Friday, 3-0 (30-20, 30-20, 30-14). Sophomore outside hitter Leah Schmidt of West Springfield paced Westfield State with seven kills.

On Saturday, Westfield fell to Coast Guard, 3-0 (30-22, 30-14, 30-17) and to Eastern Connecticut, 3-1 (30-24, 28-30, 30-28, 30-21).

Women's Soccer
Worcester State 2 - Westfield 1

WORCESTER - The Westfield State women's soccer team suffered a 2-1 overtime loss to Worcester.

Westfield took a 1-0 first-half lead on a goal by Meghan McCann. Worcester tied the score 10 minutes in the second half on a goal by Sarah Richard. Trish Cushing scored off a cross with 25 seconds left in the first overtime to give Worcester the victory.

The Owls dominated first-half play and nearly scored two more goals, but shots by Janet Bourget and Ali Jordan hit the post. Westfield finished the game with six starters sidelined with injuries.

Women's Soccer
Eastern Conn. 5 - Westfield 0

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. - Eastern Connecticut scored five second-half goals to defeat an injury-riddled Westfield State women's soccer team, 5-0.

Lyman Runs Wild In Win Over Rams; Owls Raise Record To 4-0

WESTFIELD - Senior Shawn Lyman of West Springfield rushed for a career-best 254 yards on 43 carries and scored three touchdowns to lead the undefeated Westfield State Owls to a 37-20 victory over the Framingham State.

Westfield improved to 4-0 for the best start in the college's 20-year history of football. The Owls are 3-0 in the Bogan Divison of the New England Football Conference. Framingham is 1-3 overall and 1-1 in the division.

Lyman - who rushed for 230 yards last week - scored on a pair of five-yard touchdown runs in the second half to lift the Owls from a 20-16 halftime deficit. The 5-10, 195-pounder also opened the scoring on a one-yard plunge three minutes into the game.

Lyman's 43 carries ties a school record set by Tim Lightfoot in 1992. In addition, Westfield set a school record for total offensive yards with 520.

"The offensive line did an awesome job today," said Lyman. "Hats off to them. They did their job. We had a little confusion once in a while with all the penalties, but the offensive line didn't quit."

Sophomore quarterback Chris Lapointe of Millers Falls completed 11 of 23 passes for 137 yards and touchdowns of 23 and 20 yards to sophomore wide receiver Matt Yvon of East Longmeadow. Yvon finished with 7 catches for 89 yards.

The Owls racked up 383 rushing yards with reserve freshman back Don Jones of Springfield running for 118 yards on 16 carries.

Framingham State was led by quarterback Abe Bascon, who completed 17 of 38 passes for 193 yards and sparked the Rams to their 20-16 halftime edge. The Rams scored twice in the final two minutes of the first half on a two-yard run by Bascon and a 3-yard pass from Bascon to Tom Brady, who finished with nine catches for 111 yards and two touchdowns.

Defensively, Westfield's secondary was busy as Bascon threw 38 passes, completing 17 of them for 193 yards. Most of the passing yards (138) came in the first half.

Aaron Ragland posted 10 tackles, including four solos, intercepted a pass, and had four pass breakups. Ryan Clifford intercepted two passes and had three pass breakups, while linebacker Mike Hurteau had nne tackles.

The Owls, who are ranked second in the nation in total defense held Framingham to 56 rushing yards, including zero yards in the first half.

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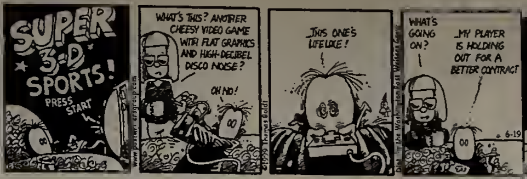
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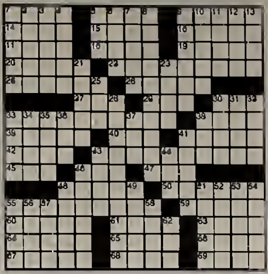

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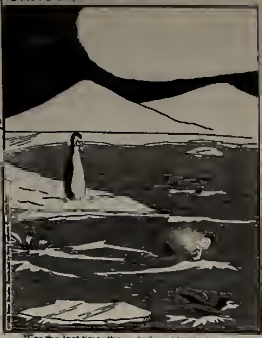

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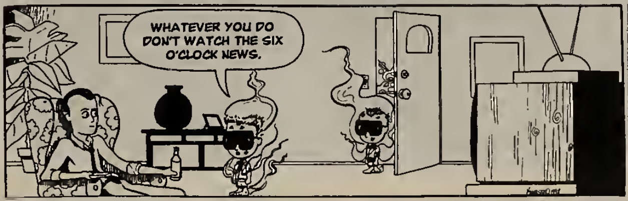
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Personals

I love a man named Bliss.

Dude, she touched my chest!

Natalie, sleep in my bed, I just want to hold you.

All the girls that go to 1B1...Stop eating ice cream!

Yo, The Guy, after you're done cleaning 1B1, head across the hall and clean our toliets.

Dirty Pop!!!

Steve-O...we'd have beautiful children!

Peaches, you can look for me anytime!

Kate...Guess what? It wasn't Justin Timberlake's brother!

Who is that sexy man in the purple bathrobe? Oh wait...it's Hackett

Happy 20th Birthday Cherie! - TomTom

The boys in 2A4 make me wet...literally!

I'm a slave for big Ryan!

Tara, get a clue! No one likes you!

Jasmine's a nerd!

I love roller sneakers.

Janet, you're the greatest girlfriend a guy could ever ask for. I'll love you always and forever. Love, Doug.

Westfield State College is turning into the Cocaine Capital of the World!

NEVER try jumping your bunk bed!!!

Babs, chill out! There are always more popcicles.

I'm not a pothead...I'm an enhancement smoker.

Those 50 guys were a great help, but I just need the owner of the white car.

So many men, So little time.

The girls in Dickinson B13 are fly!

Ryan, stop throwing chairs and come over to Lammers for the good, good lovin'!

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Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

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WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events

Mon 10/8	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "What Women Want"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Vertical Limit"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Tue 10/9	4:00 p.m.	Women's Soccer at Framingham	Framingham, MA
	5:30 p.m.	SGA Meeting	SGA Room
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Soccer vs. Framingham	Alumni Field
	7:00 p.m.	Hispanic Heritage Video/Discussion	Ely Lower Level
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Dracula 2000"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Wed 10/10	4:30 p.m.	Campus Activities Board	SGA Room
	7:00 p.m.	Volleyball at Lasell College	Newton, MA
	7:00 p.m.	Jazz Night	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Enemy at the Gates"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Hannibal"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Thur 10/11	4:00 p.m.	"Helping a Friend Who Drinks Too Much"	Scanlon Living Room
	4:00 p.m.	Field Hockey vs. AIC	Springfield, MA
	7:00 p.m.	Poetry Reading w/ Richard Wilbur	Scanlon Living Room
	7:30 p.m.	Student Forum	Third World Room
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Nurse Betty"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Wedding Planner"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	10:00 p.m.	Karaoke Night	Ely Main Lounge
Fri	4:15 p.m.	Gay Straight Alliance	Ely 232
Sat 10/13	TBA	Men's and Women's Cross Country	Alumni Field
	11:00 a.m.	Volleyball at Worcester State	Worcestor, MA
	1:00 p.m.	Football at Bridgewater State	Bridgewater, MA
	2:00 p.m.	Men's Soccer at Bridgewater State	Bridgewater, MA
	2:00 p.m.	Women's Soccer vs. Bridgewater State	Alumni Field
	2:30 p.m.	Field Hockey vs. Salem State	Salem, MA
Sun 10/14	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	7:00 p.m.	Hypnosis Extravaganza w/ Steve Taubman	Dever Auditorium

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Music makes the people come together

First coffeehouse of the year displays local talent

Seniors gather to kickoff their final year

Class of 2002 senior convocation held to celebrate, remember the past, and look to what the future holds

Campus community receives praise from Trustees

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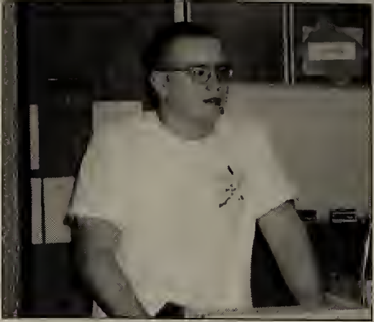
SGA president & student trustee subject to disciplinary action



-Photo by Tom Perron

SGA president Shane Eldredge addressed fellow SGA members at last Tuesday's meetings. Both Eldredge and Harris said the sanctions will not affect their roles on SGA's executive board and offered to discuss the matter with SGA members who had questions during office hours.

Shane Eldredge and Jonathan Harris receive sanctions following an administrative search

By Laura Cyr
Editor-In-Chief

Disciplinary sanctions have been placed on the Student Government Association President and the Student Representative to the Board of Trustees. The sanctions were placed following an administrative search conducted on their on-campus apartment in which various contraband was seized.

SGA President Shane Eldredge and Student Trustee Jonathan Harris have both said they received sanctions based on the findings of the search.

Eldredge said his sanctions were in accordance with Westfield State College rules and regulations as outlined in the handbook.

"After an administrative search, several items of contraband, as defined by the student handbook were taken. [The student handbook lists such items as kegs, punchbowls, containers with the capacity of four or more liters, full or empty, drugs, prohibited electrical appliances and weapons.] As a result, I was summoned to speak to the Judicial Affairs department," Eldredge said. "The disciplinary action was commensurate with the findings of Judicial Affairs. The sanctions were appropriate."

Harris, a roommate of Eldredge, found himself in a similar position. "There was an administrative search performed by residential life at my apartment. Items found in that search were the basis for the subsequent judicial referral and sanctions imposed," Harris said.

"I received sanctions in accordance with the student handbook based on the policies I violated personally," Harris said.

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Governance committees with student reps make a comeback

By Adrienne Lamplough
Assistant Editor

Governance committees have formed again after a three year hiatus due to the lack of faculty contracts at Westfield State College.

WSC has four governance committees that vote on policies that affect the college. These committees include All-College Committee, Academic Policies Committee, Curriculum Committee and the Student Affairs Committee, said Student Government Secretary and Advisor, Barbara Hand.

These committees are made up of faculty, administration and students. They give students the ability to be directly involved with college's decisions on policies, Hand said.

There haven't been students on governance committees in the past three years because the faculty have not had a contract, Hand said. The committees are made up of faculty and administration with student representatives.

The Student Government Association held a referendum October 11 to see if students wanted to be a part of the committees and have a say in the government and college policies. The vote was in favor of student involvement, Hand said.

"The students vote on everything. Their voices are as equal to any other voice on the committee," said Hand. Students also help vote on plagiarism policies and transfer policies such as, how many credits a student can transfer.

In the past, students have worked on the mission statement for the college, helped decide curriculum courses and established majors at Westfield State, Hand said. "It gives students a voice in academic policies."

" It is very helpful for students to be involved on the committees. They are active members, they don't just sit in," said Peg Civello, staff associate for President Woodward.

Governance-Page 4

Is it love? WSC students under a love trance at the hypnotist event

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

"I've never believed in hypnosis, but now I do after this. It was hilarious."-Junior Desiree Ashton after seeing hypnotist Steve Taubman perform last Sunday in Dever Auditorium.

MTG musical postponed until spring

By Alison Close
Voice Reporter

Due to a sophisticated and updated lighting system being installed in Ely Studio Theatre this semester, WSC student-run theatre projects have been delayed.

The installation of the new system was supposed to occur over the summer, according to Assistant Professor Jack Shea of the Theatre Department.

WSC planned to install the system using the school's own electricians to cut down expenses, Shea said. However, the project was unable to be completed over the summer because the school had other projects to complete, such as the renovations of the Dining Commons and lecture halls in Wilson Hall, Shea said.

The school has done an excellent job in getting this done, Shea said. "Installation didn't begin until after school started and it's pretty much completed. The equipment became operational October 11," he said.

Many of the setbacks couldn't be helped and no one is to blame for the unexpected complications, he said. "The administration simply had too much on its plate over the summer," he added.

Although the system was

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-Photo by Nicole Spataro

Members of the cast of "Fiddler on the Roof" rehearsing the musical in Juniper Park.

GSA celebrates National Coming Out Day

By Meg Canning
News Editor

Westfield State College's Gay-Straight Alliance organized a candlelight vigil October 11, National Coming Out Day, to remember the victims of the terrorist attacks and show their support for all types of oppression.

This was WSC's third year participating in National Coming Out Day, according to senior Matt Warner. It's been the most influential also, senior organizer Mike Sakey said.

National Coming Out Day provides homosexuals and bisexuals with a chance to step forth, accept and embrace their culture, an informational pamphlet states. "Coming out" is defined as telling yourself and others about your sexual orientation.

"This vigil was for all those people who are oppressed in the world. It is for people worldwide for all injustices," Sakey said.

A group of about fifteen students took part in the vigil walk through campus. Its purpose

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UN Secretary General Kofi Annan receives the Nobel Peace Prize for his work for a "better organized and more peaceful world."
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WSKB executive board travels to New York City for the annual college music festival, complete with concerts and being an audience member in the Conan O'Brien show.
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SGA meets to discuss Residential Life programs and to dispel rumors

By Tom Perron
Voice Reporter

The Student Government Association (SGA) met on Tuesday night to discuss issues on campus relating from residential life – the "Passport to Adventure Program"- to dispelling campus rumors about SGA officers and college policy violations.

Kathi Bradford, Associate Director of Residential Life, said the "Passport to Adventure Program" has begun for the year and has over 200 student participants.

Students who attend programs approved by the Department of Residential Life will receive credit towards the "Passport to Adventure Program" by signing-in to shows they attend, Bradford said.

Interested students can go to one program, sign-up and then we'll send you more information on the program, Bradford said.

"It's an opportunity to attend programs, that you are probably already attending, and get some credit for them. Once you have gone to ten of those programs, you get $25 from Residential Life," she said.

Bradford said that the $25 will be in either the form of a gift certificate to the bookstore or in flex dollars. "It's free money," said Bradford.

"There are seven different tracks," Bradford said. "To accomplish the goal, you must attend one thing in each of the tracks and then three additional programs."

The seven tracks include alcohol and substance abuse awareness, sexual assault awareness and prevention, diversity awareness and education, community service and outreach, hall council programming, leadership development and personal development.

The easiest way to complete a passport, said Bradford, is to attend one thing in each of the seven tracks and then go to three additional events in the track that interest you the most.

Students should receive a mailing with a calendar of events, Bradford said. "Our next newsletter will be coming out on Nov. 1."

Groups may contact Bradford to have their events included towards passport points, she said. "If it fits one of the categories, we will list it. If you are on your hall council and you think that you would like to receive credit for it, give me a call."

Bradford said that the goal of the passport program "is involving commuters, resident students, faculty, administration and staff to gain extra, outside the classroom, experience and education."

"At the end of the year, everyone who completed a passport will be invited to a dinner and larger prizes will be raffled off," Bradford said. The larger prizes will include things such as a free polarwaves, free books from the bookstore for next semester and parking decals, she said.

Next on the agenda was a brief explanation about the rumors being spread about the SGA president and student trustee.

SGA President Shane Eldredge said, "I would like to take this time to squash any of the rumors that people have heard about me and the situation that I am currently in. I have violated college policy and I am therefore subject to the appropriate sanctions."

Eldredge said that he would not go into details at that time, but if anyone wanted to discuss it with him after the meeting he would be available.

"I do not see this as something that affects my role as president of Student Government," Eldredge said.

In a similar fashion, Jonathan Harris, SGA student trustee, said, "Like Shane, I am also in violation of college policy. Anyone with any questions or concerns can talk to me during my office hours."

Besides the "Passport to Adventure Program" and student leaders' college policy violations, Angela LaPierre, SGA Vice President of Programming, announced that with Steve Taubman's Hypnosis Extravaganza over, the next big Campus Activities Board (CAB) event will be "Say What? Karaoke."

"Say What? Karaoke" auditions will be held Monday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. in Ely Main Lounge. Students can sign up in advance in the residence halls or in the music department, LaPierre said.

The finals, which cost $1 to enter, will be held Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. with location to be announced at a later time, she said.

While prizes have not been determined yet, LaPierre said that she hopes to get the same grand prize as last year. Last year's prize, LaPierre said, was a limousine ride to New York City and tickets to see a taping of "The Conan O'Brien Show."

From the Editor's Desk

Make it happen

The first coffeehouse of the year was held a few weeks ago, and although I knew I could not attend much of the event, I louked forward to it with fond memories of past coffeehouses. For the past few years, this event has always been one of the standout activities put together on this campus. Students and faculty have turned out in great numbers to support their friends and roommates who bravely get up on that stage and show off what talent they have (or don't have). Past coffeehouse acts even have fans that show up just to see them perform. The cheers and screams of students who would attend just to watch the break-dancers come to mind.

The few times during the night of this year's first coffeehouse, I got to run down and check out the action. But, it didn't bring back the same memories. The event was still put together wonderfully by the folks at CAB and Angela LaPierre, and there were still a good amount of students who performed. But the crowd didn't seem to be the same. There didn't seem to be as many students as in past years, and some that were there looked like they had just stumbled upon the situation, and were not quite sure why there were students performing in the middle of the Campus Center.

People come to college to learn and experience new things. A great part of these experiences come from activities outside the classroom, including campus events. Some people on campus dedicate almost every free minute outside of class to putting on these events and giving students the opportunity to get out of their dorm rooms, meet new people, try new things and do something they never would have done before, like performing in front of one hundred of their peers.

People work hard at putting on campus events for the benefit of the students. These events are well-planned and by attending them, students will realize this. When I graduate in May, some of my fondest memories of WSC will be of different events and activities that have happened on campus. Bus trips to New York, watching my friends and roommates showcase some amazing talents in plays, musicals, coffeehouses, and bands are among these memories. I'll also remember getting all dressed up for Senate Banquets, and a friend winning the showcase showdown at WSC's The Price is Right, resulting in entertainment equipment worth more than his car. These are things I'll never forget about my time here.

My point to all this is that you have four years here and sitting around the dorms each night can get a little old. There are things to do here if you just make an effort to read a poster on the wall or ask around to see if fellow students know what's going on. I have friends who have gone to bigger schools and they rarely mention about going to different campus events. We are a small school. And that factor allows for a lot of things to be put on for our student population and a great chance to get to know more people.

And if you don't like the events that get put on, you can make your own. There is money set aside each year for campus events. If there is a trip you want to take or you would really love to see a comedian perform here, you can make it happen. All you have to do is go to a CAB meeting or a Weekend Programming meeting on Wednesdays and tell them your idea. New suggestions are always welcome. So don't sit around and experience nothing, then complain how there's nothing to do. Just venture out to an event or plan it yourself and you too can have some amazing college memories.

Laura Cyr
Editor-In-Chief

Theatre

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installed quickly, Shea said, the delay has pushed back fall productions, scheduled to take place in the Ely Studio Theatre.

Normally the fall show put on by his classes is performed a week before Thanksgiving, Shea said. But, because of the unexpected delay the production has been put off until December. This year, students will be putting on "Uncle Vanya," a production by Anton Chekhov.

Since an academic class puts on the production, it needs to be performed this semester, Shea said. "Pushing it back into the spring semester would create many problems with scheduling since it is an academic course project."

The new date for the theatre department's production, Shea said, unfortunately falls at the same time MTG would normally put on its fall production. Usually, students take part in both productions, he said. But since both plays would be the same time, it would be impossible for students to participate in the two shows, Shea said.

"I want to make clear that we support MTG one hundred percent and would never want to stand in the way of their production," Shea said.

"We want students to learn from our classes and train so they can then go over to MTG or any other outside theatre organization and apply what they've learned. We're here to compliment MTG, not hurt the organization," he said.

The delay's impact on MTG has been extremely frustrating, Dan Cassidy, President of MTG and Director of the upcoming production, said.

"Fiddler on the Roof" was supposed to be December 7-9 in Dever Auditorium, Cassidy said. These are the same dates as Shea's theatre class production, which prevents MTG from performing those nights.

The performance date for "Fiddler on the Roof" has been moved into early February, according to Cassidy. This makes things difficult because actors take a very long break and have only 10 days after winter break to prepare for the production, Cassidy added.

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Campus Briefs

Attention Mass Communication and Political Science Majors

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If selected you must arrive to the debate an hour early. Westfield State Mass Comm. professor Brian Zelasko will spend 40 minutes explaining how a political debate is planned and produced on television, and answer questions about the politics behind the scenes. You will then watch the debate live and then attend a small private reception for the candidates and local dignitaries.

The debate will be held on the Western New England College campus and is sponsored by WGGB-TV 40, the Union News and the Valley Press Club. Professor Zelasko is on the Board of Directors of the Valley Press Club and a former news director.

To be eligible you must: 1. Be a student attending Westfield State College; 2. Have transportation to Western New England College the evening of Oct. 24; 3. Email a one paragraph statement as to why you want to attend to Prof. Zelasko at bzelasko@uwpv.org with a phone number where he can reach you; 4. Identify the politician who said this famous quote: "Depends on what your definition of is is." (8/17/98)

The Global Women's History Project Conference Rescheduled

Deterred by the U.S. military action in their region, Pakistani and Indian women asked for a postponement of the Conference on "Women of Pakistan and India: Rights, Ecology, Economy, and Nuclear Disarmament."

The new date will be April 25-28, 2002.

On Thursday, October 25, there will be a Roundtable Discussion "Responses and Analysis with Women of Pakistan, India, and Afghanistan, to the current world crisis" in Scanlon Banquet Hall at 7 p.m. This will be followed by a reception with refreshments. For more information contact Dr. Elise G. Young at (413) 572-5343 or Dr. Zengie Mangaliso at (413) 572-5502.

New one credit course for second half of this semester

The Department of Communication will be offering a new one-credit course during the second half of this semester: MCOM 0215-001 Issues in Local News Thursdays from 5:45-8:00, beginning Oct. 25th and ending Dec. 13.

Although local television news is experiencing a period of extraordinary change, it remains a primary source of information for many Americans. News managers across the country struggle to find ways to slow the steady erosion of viewers, while facing difficult issues of racism, diversity and advertiser influence, within their news rooms. This course will examine these and other issues, facing local news in the 2 1st century.

The class will view the new, five-hour documentary series produced by Public Television called LOCAL NEWS and discuss the changing relevance of local television news. Current and former television journalists will contribute to the discussions as guest speakers.

The course will be taught by Mass Communications instructor Brian Zelasko, a 23 year veteran of television journalism and former news director. Brian Zelasko has worked as a news manager in Buffalo, NY, Boston, MA, Providence, RI, Altoona, PA, and Springfield, MA.

The course requirements will include: mandatory attendance at all seven meetings, one 3-page issue essay, and one final exam.

Students can register at SAS in 333 between October 22nd and 24th. There are no prerequisites for the course.

Anthrax Questions & Answers

Q. What is anthrax?

A. Anthrax is an infectious disease caused by the spore-forming bacterium *Bacillus anthracis*. The bacteria can infect all warm-blooded animals including man.

Q. How is anthrax spread?

A. *B. anthracis* spores can live in the soil for decades. A person may become infected with anthrax by inhaling anthrax spores from soil or by handling wool or hair from infected animals (which can cause skin exposures). Infection of the intestinal tract can occur by eating undercooked meat from diseased animals.

Q. What are the symptoms of anthrax?

A. The symptoms vary depending upon the type of exposure.

Cutaneous: Most anthrax infections occur when the bacterium enters a cut or abrasion on the skin, such as when handling contaminated wool, hides, leather or hair products (especially goat hair) of infected animals. A boil-like lesion appears which eventually forms an ulcer with a black center. A swelling of the lymph glands may also occur.

Inhalation: Initial symptoms may resemble influenza. After several days, symptoms may progress to severe breathing problems and pneumonia. Inhalation anthrax usually results in death in 1-2 days after onset of the acute symptoms.

Intestinal: The intestinal disease form of anthrax may follow the consumption of contaminated meat and is characterized by an acute inflammation of the intestinal tract. Initial signs of nausea, loss of appetite, vomiting, fever are followed by abdominal pain, vomiting of blood, and severe diarrhea.

For more information on anthrax, visit the Massachusetts Department of Public Health web site at www.state.ma.us/dph/cdc

Information provided from the office of the Vice President of Student Affairs.

GSA

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was for humanity, sophomore GSA member Dave MacKenzie said. "It's for the victims of all different types of terror and hate and the people lost one month ago in the attacks," he said.

The candlelight vigil was just one of the ways GSA educates the college community and promotes tolerance and diversity, Warner said. Other ways GSA has informed the campus are through information tables, pins, cards, stickers and posters on the academic buildings' walls, he said.

People were interested in the GSA information table set up in Ely, MacKenzie, a brand new member, said. "We felt supported."

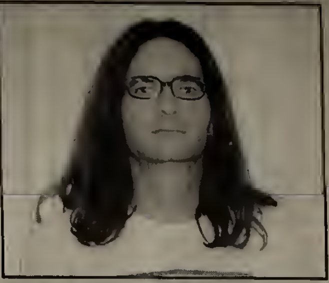
National Coming Out Day pamphlets were passed out throughout the day in Ely. The pamphlets contain the history of National Coming Out Day, reasons for having it, other educational resources and more.

Some people believe that Coming Out Day is a day for homosexuals and bisexuals to advertise their sexual orientations, the informational pamphlet states. Other heterosexual individuals may ask, "I don't flaunt my heterosexuality so why should they advertise their sexuality?," the pamphlet asks.

GSA is educating the community so they do not ask questions like these. First of all, the pamphlet states, heterosexuals do not face discrimination. Secondly, heterosexuals do not need to advertise their straightness, according to the pamphlet. The majority of media takes care of that for them, it states.

GSA meets every Friday at 4:30 p.m. in the Dickinson Commons Room. All are welcome to attend. The organization can also be reached by e-mail at wsc_gsa_1@hotmail.com.

Voice of The Week



Chris Slaughter

POSITION AT WSC: **Assistant Professor, English/Theatre Art Programs**

HOMETOWN: **Originally Bristol, VA. Currently Westfield, MA.**

YEARS AT WSC: **Six**

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: **The student media/performance community**

LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: **No scene shop access to a freight elevator or loading dock.**

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Sanctions

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Some students have said that the disciplinary actions Eldredge and Harris have received are lenient due to their leadership positions.

"I wouldn't be surprised if they were able to stay on-campus because of their position," senior Laurie DiMente said."The whole situation is just another example of how it pays to have connections in life," she said.

Dan Surette, a freshman, said he thought the situation did not seem right. "It seems suspicious that SGA members get off," he said. "SGA members should be an example for other students. I think this looks bad for SGA in general."

Both Eldredge and Harris said there is no truth to the claims of special treatment they have received. "I believe the sanctions I received were a result of the processes used in the case of any student violating a policy at this college," Harris said. "I do not believe I was treated with anything but the fairness all students receive through the judicial process."

Eldredge and Harris have stated that the occurrence and disciplinary actions have in no way affected their ability to continue their jobs.

"What happened affects my personal life, not my job as Student Government President," Eldredge said. "I shall continue to operate business as usual. My personal life does not affect my professional life, as my professional life does not affect my personal life."

"In absolutely no way will this occurrence have any affect on my position as the student representative to the Board of Trustees," Harris said. "I believe my ability to represent the students of Westfield State College is in no way hindered by this. I do not believe that my position on campus is determinative of actions pertaining to my personal life. I hold my position to represent the students of this college as a collective group, not as a single student."

Some students, such as DiMente, think that Eldredge and Harris should not remain in their positions on SGA. "Many other organizations on campus do not allow students with judicial records," DiMente said. "Seeing as they represent the student body, they should be held to the same standards as other leaders such as RA's (resident assistants). I don't think they should keep the position."

Other students, such as junior Kathleen Rogers, said that whether or not Eldredge and Harris keep their positions should depend on SGA rules. "If SGA does not have a rule against this type of thing, then I don't have a problem with them keeping their positions," she said.

SGA policy does not require for Eldredge and Harris to be removed from their executive positions, said Barbara Hand, advisor and secretary to SGA. "There is nothing in the SGA Constitution that supports the removal of an officer due to disciplinary action taken by the college," she said. Hand added that it is something the Rules and Regulations Committee will be looking into in the future though.

The sanctions Eldredge and Harris received will not affect the ability to do their jobs, Hand said. "The sanctions they received do not inhibit what they participate in during the week."

An administrative search is approved by the Vice President for Student Affairs when credible information is presented by one or more sources of violations of college policies, Jon Conlogue, director of Residential Life, said. "Such searches are relatively rare and are primarily initiated for expected serious violations of college policy or health and safety issues," Conlogue said.

Dr. Arthur Jackson, vice president of Student Affairs, said that administrative searches are not done at random. "Normally we have first or second hand knowledge of a situation which calls for an administrative search," be said, adding that these are routinely conducted throughout the year when a situation arises.

Jackson said if any infractions are found following the search, they then go through the college's judicial board. It depends on the situation and the individual on which actions are taken next, Jackson said.

Susan LaMontagne, director of Judicial Affairs, said that when any student is reported to her office, the same process is applied. "I send letters to the student, ask them to meet with me and then they are given two options," LaMontagne said. The two options are to resolve the problem with her and accept responsibility and the consequences for the action, or to go before a disciplinary hearing, she said.

"If a student believes they aren't responsible or if they won't accept the sanctions, that is when they go to the hearing," LaMontagne said.

LaMontagne said if students choose the hearing, they go before a conduct board made up of three students, one faculty member and one staff member. The committee listens to the student and any witnesses and then decides whether the student is responsible. About 75 percent of the cases are resolved without going to a disciplinary hearing, LaMontagne said.

Hand said that while she feels Eldredge and Harris will continue to be able to perform their jobs, the students will decide in the end. "The judge and jury of this is going to be the student body," she said.

Governance

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The handbook states that the All-College Committee is the largest of the four committees. It consists of eight faculty, three administration and three students.

The other three committees are referred to as standing committees. The main purpose of the All-College Committee is to review recommendations submitted by members of the college community and delegate those recommendations to the appropriate standing committee.

The handbook also states that the Curriculum Committee's job is to evaluate and make recommendations to the additions or changes in the college inventory of courses, changes in the educational requirements and proposals for new major programs of study. The committee also conducts a college-wide study of the overall academic program in order to make any necessary changes or improvements.

The duties of the Academic Policies Committee consist of preparing reports and recommendations to the vice-president. The academic calendar, academic standards, admission standards, along with library services and education services are a few reports evaluated, the faculty handbook states.

The role of the Student Affairs Committee is to report to the vice-president any recommended changes in accordance to the needs of the student population, student activities and student participation in the cultural and social activities of the college, according to the handbook.

" I absolutely think that students should be on the committees from a number of perspectives. It is a terrific learning experience. It offers a limited number of students a way to participate in governance at the same level as the faculty," Dr. Robert Martin, Dean of Academic Affairs, said. "It is worthwhile to have a students perspective."

Director of Student Affairs, Susan LaMontagne said that she hasn't been too involved with the committees in the past but she has served on the Student Affairs Committee and will be on that committee again.

"I think that it is critical that students are a part of the committees because they are the integral part of this. community," LaMontagne, said. "It doesn't even occur to me to have committees without students on them."

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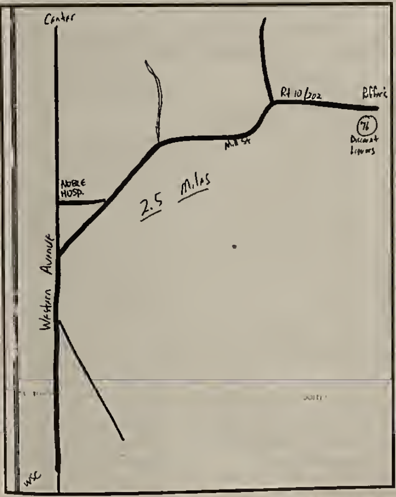

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Is that your final non-answer?

Al Kamen
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON- All top government officials testifying before Congress know how to deflect difficult or bothersome questions by changing the subject, answering a question not asked, or engaging in linguistic jujitsu.

But it's unusual for an official to acknowledge the game. So it was refreshing the other day to hear Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill tell Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont.: "Sen. (Frank) Murkowski (R-Alaska) is gone, but I wanted to wrap part of a nonanswer to his question (about building confidence) with your question."

Turns out President Bush tutors O'Neill on how to testify about tax policy issues: O'Neill talked to the committee about "re-looking at the net operating losses and at changing expensing provisions."

And when Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., asked: "Are you advocating an increase in the minimum wage?" O'Neill once again cited Bush's guidance.

"In anticipation of coming to this meeting," O'Neill said, "I talked to (Bush) about it. And the president reminded me he said: 'You know, during the campaign, I was asked about this question repeatedly. And as a candidate, I said I had an open mind about this question, about the minimum wage.' And the president said to me, 'You know, if they ask you about this tomorrow, Paul, tell them what I said on the campaign trail, that I had an open mind,' but with travel-related industries and workers hurting so badly, 'we don't want to do thing that will impact that important part of our population.'"

"Is that a direct answer?" O'Neill said. "No, but it's how the president feels about it."

That nonanswer apparently wasn't good enough. A few days later, Bush and R. Glenn Hubbard, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, spelled out the administration's position on increasing the minimum wage: "No."

The English Honor Society Sigma Tau Delta will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. in Bates 119 (Bates Lounge)

In federal law enforcement, ' all the walls are down'

JIM MCGEE
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON- Two meetings punctuate the day of FBI Deputy Director Thomas Pickard and show how federal law enforcement has been transformed since Sept. 11.

A tall, lanky man with an easy smile and the smooth gloss of a CEO, Pickard begins each day with a 7 a.m. briefing at the FBI's Strategic Information Operations Center, the command post for the massive federal investigation into the terror attacks. As the session starts, Pickard is joined by a senior official of the CIA who serves as his deputy. If CIA help is required, the intelligence officer makes a note to check the agency's files.

Exactly nine hours later, at 4 p.m., Pickard convenes another briefing inside a large executive briefing room that looks like an amphitheater, with big video screens on the walls and plush dark green leather seats.

Technicians patch agents in charge of the 56 FBI field offices into one giant conference call, and the seats fill up with officials from more than a dozen federal police, intelligence and military agencies. Pickard opens the discussion but defers to Assistant Attorney General Michael Chertoff, chief of the criminal division at the Justice Department. The conversation bounces around the nation, with updates of an investigation that has tentacles in every region.

The two meetings illustrate what nine years of terrorist attacks have wrought in the United States. The 7 a.m. briefing shows that although the FBI and the CIA remain separate agencies that operate under different laws and use different methods, they now act as one, senior officials for both agencies say.

The 4 p.m. briefing demonstrates how the Justice Department has forged the major federal law enforcement agencies and 94 local U.S. attorney's offices into a combined force centrally controlled from Washington.

The FBI's operations center on the fifth floor of its headquarters in downtown Washington is the nexus of those efforts, a vast mosaic of federal expertise and legal authorities. The FBI operations center is a 21st-century communications and data-processing platform that serves as a microcosm of the unified police and intelligence system.

At computer terminals throughout the 40,000-square-foot facility, personnel from the CIA, the Defense Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency work alongside agents of the FBI, the U.S. Customs Service, the Secret Service and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

The FBI operations center is the mirror image of the counterterrorism center at CIA headquarters in Langley. There, too, the CIA, NSA, DIA, FBI, Customs and others work side-by-side. Just as Pickard's deputy is a CIA man, the chief of the CIA center has an FBI executive as his No. 1.

The most controversial proposals are those that will make it lawful for the CIA and the U.S. military to tap into the awesome investigative might of the federal grand jury, the most powerful weapon in law enforcement's arsenal.

"All the walls are down," said FBI Assistant Director Thomas B. Locke.

The foundation of this unified force was laid when a 2,000-pound bomb exploded beneath the World Trade Center on Feb. 26, 1993. Overwhelmed, the FBI sought help. Within 24 hours, agents from the Secret Service, the CIA and other agencies joined the existing FBI-New York Police Joint Terrorism Task Force.

That task force got results: A New York police detective searching the crime scene found a truck axle that led to the first arrest. A Secret Service agent obtained a full confession from Ramzi Yousef, the plot's mastermind.

Lessons learned from subsequent bombings forced more innovation.

The goal, said former deputy attorney general Jamie Gorelick, was a "seamless" integration of FBI and CIA capabilities that was also legal. In 1975, a Senate investigation of illegal domestic spying had led to changes designed to segregate the two agencies' operations.

"What the American people want is the best possible protection that they can have," Gorelick said. "They also don't want anyone collecting information on them inconsistent with the Fourth Amendment."

From 1995 to 2000, a series of anti-terrorism measures and spending bills headed the government back toward a unified system, an effort that was slowed by laws and institutional structures that were originally designed to limit federal power.

One by one, obstacles were overcome by presidents operating in periods of crisis. Now, the Bush administration is embarked on the most extensive rollback of constraints on federal police and intelligence power.

The vehicle for this is anti-terrorism legislation advocated by Attorney General John D. Ashcroft, versions of which were approved last week in the House and Senate.

The most controversial proposals are those that will make it lawful for the CIA and the U.S. military to tap into the awesome investigative might of the federal grand jury, the most powerful weapon in law enforcement's arsenal. If signed into law, the measure would allow prosecutors to readily share grand jury information with the CIA. That is crucial, a senior FBI official said, because it would allow the CIA access to some of the best information on Osama bin Laden's al Qaida terrorist network.

The U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan has used a series of grand jury investigations after the 1993 World Trade Center bombing to assemble one of the largest and most carefully vetted bodies of evidence against bin Laden.

In tearing down the wall between federal grand juries and intelligence agencies, the Ashcroft proposal would also be removing the supervisory control of a federal judge, who under the current structure is the only person who can allow grand jury information to be shared.

Duke University law professor Sara Sun Beale, a former Justice Department official who is an authority on federal criminal law and the grand jury, said a key question is whether routine sharing of grand jury evidence with the CIA will gradually convert the grand jury into an engine of political intelligence-gathering.

"The grand jury was created to investigate criminal wrongdoing," Beale said. "It was given extensive authority to clear the innocent and discover evidence against the guilty." Historically, she said, judicial supervision and secrecy rules were integral parts of an official proceeding that can compel secret testimonly and incarcerate uncooperative witnesses. "Now that we know the information that comes out at the end of the pipeline could be shared with intelligence agencies, how will the grand jury be used?" she asked.

Davis signs bill expanding rights of same-sex couples

JENIFER WARREN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Gov. Gray Davis' decision to sign a bill substantially expanding rights for gays and lesbians in domestic partnerships will place California at the forefront of efforts to give same-sex couples the benefits and protections of traditional marriage, advocates say.

At a signing ceremony in Sacramento, Calif., on Sunday, Davis said the bill passed despite significant conservative opposition in the Legislature is about fairness and equal treatment under the law.

"This will be one of the strongest domestic-partnership bills in the country," Davis said. Encouraging such unions, he added, helps build strong relationships, and "society benefits when people find comfort and assurance and stability in relationships."

The measure, AB 25, was one of the most passionately debated bills in the Legislature this year. At the signing ceremony, activists who fought for its passage alternately cheered and grew teary-eyed at the significance of the event.

Supporters said the measure provides important legal recognition of California's expanding ranks of nontraditional families. But the bill drew angry denunciation from Republicans on the floor of both houses, where the votes split along party lines.

The Campaign for California Families, a nonprofit conservative group, ran television and radio ads urging Davis to veto the bill. The group's executive director, Randy Thomasson, said the measure undermines Proposition 22, the ballot initiative approved last year that defined marriage as a heterosexual union.

Davis sought .to comfort such critics on Sunday, noting that, "in California a legal marriage is a marriage between a man and a woman" and "that's not going to change."

Thomasson, however, said that "in one fell swoop, Gray Davis has cheapened every marriage in the state" by extending some marital rights to gays and lesbians.

The bill's author, Assemblywoman Carole Migden, a San Francisco Democrat, hailed the governor's signature as "truly something to celebrate."

Studies suggest there are about 400,000 same-sex couples in California. To take advantage of the benefits under AB 25, however, couples must register as domestic partners with the state under a system established in 1999. About 7,600 couples, mostly of the same sex, have registered.

The registry was created by another Migden bill that also gave domestic partners hospital visitation rights which otherwise could be restricted to family members and health coverage for dependents of some state government employees.

AB 25 adds about a dozen additional legal benefits for domestic partners, including the right to:

1. Sue for the wrongful death of a partner.
2. Make medical decisions for a partner in the hospital.
3. Adopt a partner's child using the stepparent adoption process.
4. Use sick leave to care for an ill or incapacitated partner.
5. Act as a conservator.
6. Relocate with a partner without losing unemployment benefits.

The new law comes at a time when domestic partner policies nationwide are proliferating. Despite the popularity of measures such as California's Proposition 22 that define marriage as between men and women, gay and lesbian couples have achieved new legal recognition both in the corporate and government sectors.

So far, Vermont is the only state that has allowed gay couples to form "civil unions" that carry 300 of the rights, benefits and responsibilities of marriage. But activists in California note that Vermont was forced through legal action to take that step, while progress on domestic partnerships in the Golden State has been accomplished legislatively.

The Intelligence Gap: Crossing the Border

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - Intelligence miscommunications extend across national borders. French officials, for example, privately criticized U.S. authorities for ignoring their warnings about a Montreal cell of Algerian terrorists even as members planned to bomb Los Angeles International Airport and other sites during the millennium celebrations in December 1999. The plot was discovered only when one of the bombers panicked and ran at the U.S. border.

In February, the U.S. Embassy in London granted a student visa to an unemployed 33-year-old French-Moroccan man, Zarachias Moussaoui, even though he was on a special French immigration watch list of suspected Islamic extremists. Moussaoui only was detained arrested on immigration charges on Aug. 17, after he allegedly told a Minnesota flight school that he wanted to learn to steer jumbo jets, not land them. Moussaoui remains in FBI custody in New York as a material witness while investigators try to determine whether he was involved with the skyjackers responsible for the events of Stp. 11, or any other terrorist plot.

"There was something there that the FBI could have done more with, a warning signal that was missed," a French official said.

The Intelligence Gap: Bin Laden's Game Plan

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - Despite intelligence failures and the lack of a warning for the terrorist acts of Sept. 11, Osama bin Laden hasn't been shy about sharing his game plan.

In the summer of 1998, he sent a fax from Afghanistan to Sheik Omar Bakri, a London-based Muslim cleric who had dubbed himself the "mouth, eyes and ears of Osama bin Laden." Bakri later released what he called bin Laden's four specific objectives for a holy war against America.

"Bring down their airliners," read the instruction. "Prevent the safe passage of their ships. Occupy their embassies. Force the closure of their companies and banks."

It is fair to say he has achieved at least some of his goals. It is also fair to say U.S. authorities had the plotters in their grasp or in their sights in almost every case. Those missed opportunities thus form the backdrop to America's current war on terror.

Nobel peace prize goes to secretary general and U.N.

John J. Goldman
Los Angeles Times

UNITED NATIONS - Against the backdrop of a world shaken by terrorist attacks on America and a growing conflict in Afghanistan, Secretary-General Kofi Annan and the United Nations won the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday for their work "for a better organized and more peaceful world."

"Today the organization is at the forefront of efforts to achieve peace and security in the world, and of the international mobilization aimed at meeting the world's economic, social and environmental challenges," the Norwegian Nobel Committee said in naming the international body and its leader.

The coveted award was a major achievement for an organization that for years was limited by the vetoes of the Cold War, was criticized by conservative U.S. politicians and struggled with meager finances in its attempt to solve some of the world's most pressing and seemingly intractable problems.

The prize offered recognition of its new stature, a streamlined administration and Annan's efforts to make the world body highly relevant in the international political process and the fight against terrorism.

The Nobel committee singled out Annan for "bringing new life" to the United Nations.

"In an organization that can hardly become more than its members permit, he has made it clear that sovereignty can not be a shield behind which member states conceal their violations," it said.

Applause rang out when the soft-spoken 63-year-old secretary-general, who took office in 1997 and recently was elected to a second term, entered U.N. headquarters alongside the East River.

"All of us who work for the United Nations should be proud today, but also humbled because even more will be expected of us in the future," the urbane Ghanaian said.

Annan dedicated the prize to the almost 2,000 U.N. staff members who have lost their lives in the service of humanity.

"The only prize, for them and for us, will be peace itself," he said.

Later, he added with a smile, "In the sort of business we are in, usually when you get a call that early in the morning, it is something disastrous."

Founded in San Francisco in 1945, the United Nations has expanded to embrace just about every concern humankind faces. It employs more than 52,000 people throughout the world.

Tasks include peacekeeping, aiding developing countries, promoting and protecting democracy and human rights, seeking to save people from starvation and disease, providing relief assistance to refugees, and countering global crime, drugs and disease.

It encompasses 29 organizations devoted to diverse concerns ranging from international atomic energy to maritime matters to international telecommunications.

Emphasizing the the world body's revitalized role, the Nobel Committee proclaimed: "The only negotiable route to global peace and cooperation goes by way of the United Nations."

In Oslo, the chairman of the award committee, Gunnar Berge, alluded to the terrorist attacks on New York and the Pentagon and the Bush administration's response in Afghanistan.

He said events of recent weeks had "further underpinned" the award to the United Nations.

Since the Sept. 11 attacks, Annan has toiled to make the United Nations the center of a "global coalition against terrorism," as well as striven for a resumption of Mideast peace talks.

Annan said the timing of the prize "couldn't have been better" coming so close to the attacks on the Pentagon and the Trade Center the worst case of domestic terrorism in U.S. history.

"It is really going to do all sorts of intangible things for us and I think it is going to energize my colleagues, particularly those in the field in Afghanistan, in the Congo, in the Balkans, and all of us."

"So I think it's a great shot in the arm for us," he said.

The already huge mandate of the world body could grow even further in the months ahead. Bush has suggested that the United Nations take over nation-building in Afghanistan once U.S. military action ends.

At a news conference, Annan said he wouldn't be surprised if the Security Council expanded the U.N.'s mandate.

But he stressed that any regime that is not seen as "home-grown" by the Afghan people will be difficult.

"One cannot impose a government on the Afghan people," Annan said.

During his first term as secretary-general, Annan sought to make the United Nations more responsive to change. He stressed that sovereignty isn't sacred when a country is abusing the rights of its own citizens. He worked successfully to bring the United States back into the financial fold by paying back dues. He overhauled U.N. peacekeeping operations.

But he has also faced criticism during his first term _ most vocally by the United States for a 1998 peace mission to Iraq that failed. And the world body he heads has been accused of failing to halt genocide in Rwanda in 1994 and ethnic terror in Bosnia-Herzegovina in the early 1990s.

For the highly visible post he holds on the international stage, Annan is a private and quiet man who enjoys nature, hiking and resting in the garden of the secretary-general's official residence in Manhattan. He is married to the former Nane Lagergren, the niece of Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who won acclaim for rescuing thousands of Jews from the Germans in the final months of World War II. It is his second marriage.

The Nobel Committee selected Annan and the United Nations from 136 nominees, including Pope John Paul II, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the European Court of Human Rights.

Only once before in the 100-year history of the prizes has the peace award been given to a secretary-general. Dag Hammarskjold, the U.N.'s second leader, was given the prize posthumously in 1961 for his actions in strengthening the world organization.

Annan said he would accept the prize worth $946,200 at a ceremony in Oslo on Dec. 10. It will be divided into two equal portions for the secretary-general and for the world body he heads.

Kamalesh Sharma, India's ambassador to the United Nations, said the award raised Annan's stature to that of a "global celebrity, like a rock star."

-File Photo

Secretary General of the United Nations Kofi Annan was the recipient of this year's Nobel Peace Prize for his work towards a more peaceful world.

Maybe even Madonna will get some votes

Hector Tobar
Los Angeles Times

BUENOS AIRES - Argentina During the worst years of Argentina's military dictatorship, it was a form of rebellion. The law said you had to vote. So you went to your polling place but secretly crossed out the names of the dictator's candidates. You voted for no one.

Sunday, millions of Argentines once again are expected to vote for no one, even as the ballot offers them a veritable buffet of democratic choices. They will do so, according to pollsters and analysts, as a form of protest against a deepening economic crisis.

"I'm going to invalidate my vote," said Maria Fernandez, a 35-year-old government employee whose salary has been cut 45 percent in the past year. "I don't believe I can vote for anyone who can change what's happening."

The midterm election is for seats in both houses of the National Congress. It is widely seen here as a referendum on the "zero deficit" policies of President Fernando de la Rua and his economy minister, Domingo Cavallo.

A recent Gallup poll of Buenos Aires residents found more people planning to cast blank or nullified ballots (25 percent) than to vote for any one of the two dozen or so parties on the ballot, including the ruling Alliance coalition and the leading opposition party, the Peronists.

Pollsters predict more people will nullify their votes in this election than in any since the country returned to civilian rule in 1983. Some will write in the names of dead presidents and 19th century military heroes. Others will place blank pieces of paper and other objects in place of ballots in their voting envelopes.

"I'm going to drop in a condom," said a 47-year-old taxi driver as he waited for a fare in the upscale Recoleta district here. "Let them try and count that."

Such an open rejection of the system is a dramatic change in a country where politics is a passion second only to soccer and where a 96 percent literacy rate has given rise to a vibrant civic culture.

"You can't say people are simply choosing not to vote for the politicians," columnist Mariano Grondona wrote Wednesday in the daily La Nacion. "They're voting against them."

For months now, the mood here has been one of impending doom. Faced with a growing foreign debt and pressure from the International Monetary Fund to reduce spending, de la Rua has cut pensions and slashed government salaries. He also has sharply reduced payments to provincial governments.

In recent weeks, de la Rua's government has repeatedly denied rumors that the president was about to devalue the peso or fire Cavallo. Television broadcasts are filled with reports of building takeovers in provincial capitals by disgruntled state employees.

One in four Argentines lives in poverty and many here believe that meeting the terms of a $8.4-billion IMF loan approved in August is only driving their nation deeper into penury. Unemployment has soared past 16 percent.

"People here are angry, and not just at de la Rua," said Roberto Bacman, a pollster with the firm CEOP. "Their anger is directed at the political class in general."

Few of the nation's most recognized politicians seem to be free of the taint of corruption and incompetence. The leading Peronist figure, former President Carlos Menem, is under house arrest and facing arms trafficking charges. The radical left remains small and fragmented.

Members of the center-left coalition that brought de la Rua to power in 1999 have started to turn on one another. One of the most charismatic members of the president's Radical party, congressional Deputy Elisa Carrio, has split off and formed a new party, the Alternative for a Republic of Equals.

Like other commentators here, pollster Bacman is troubled by the increase in voter antipathy, calling it a "warning light" for Argentine democracy.

The Cut

CHRIS WARD

The Irish Republican Army met on Sunday, April 4, 1999, in the village of Inniskeen, Ireland. Some 200 hardened fighters were gathered, among whom were Thomas McMahon, the man who blew up Earl Mountbatten and members of his fishing party in August 1979, and Brian Keenan, who masterminded bomb attacks in England, including the planting of the M62 device which killed nine soldiers, a woman and two children in 1973. (Cf. Daily Telegraph, April 5, 1999).

The question this week is: After bin Laden is brought to justice (dead or alive), who should the next target in the war on terrorism be? The Irish Republican Army immediately came to mind, and then a few others:

Israel, who has sponsored military attacks against unarmed Palestinian civilians with for nearly half a century, deserves attention. Of course we don't actually have to fire a shot, all we need to do is tell their Arab neighbors that the United "Great Satan" States will no longer take it personally if they decide to gang up and pound the Little Satan into the sand. Ridiculous? Of course it is, although Bush's recent public support of the creation of a Palestinian state is even now being misinterpreted among the jihadists as a tangible positive result of September 11.

> **The United States will employ terrorism and torture as quickly as any other nation (we just prefer teaching others to do our dirty work for us).**

Then there's Great Britain, with a unique and profoundly inhumane history of violently asserting its colonial interests, most recently with regards to the Falkland Islands conflict and the "Irish problem." Finally a solution to the dispute between England and Ireland has presented itself...we'll bomb them both. That has "Nobel Prize" written all over it...

Although the African National Congress has cleaned up its act considerably, its bloody past shouldn't be overlooked. Ties to rogue nations, communist leanings, and brutal terrorist activities once controlled by Nelson Mandela himself (including "tiring," which involves dousing an automobile tire in gasoline, wedging it over the torso of a live victim, and then setting them both on fire) should qualify South Africa for at least a second look. But wait, there's STILL more...

At the meeting I mentioned in the first paragraph, the IRA voted to break the 1998 Good Friday truce agreement with Britain and Ulster. Keenan cited NATO as one of the IRA's reasons for voting to continue the bombing campaign. He accused Tony Blair, the British Prime Minister, of hypocrisy in "bombing Serbians for peace" and stated: "Brendan Behan said people who drop small bombs are terrorists; people who drop big bombs are governments." (Cf. Daily Telegraph) Back to our question... which governments? What makes them bad guys? That answer has been supplied...

"If any government supports the killers of innocents, they become killers and outlaws themselves." -President Bush, Oct. 8, 2001

As the coldly analytical eye of our war machine ferrets out the villains among the international community, perhaps that gaze should be cast upon the fact that 100 of the 246 Colombian army officers found guilty of war crimes in 1992 were trained in sedition, subjugation, and torture at the U. S. Army School of the Americas at Fort Benning, Ga. Other distinguished alumni of our very own totalitarian terrorist training camp include: 1.) General Manual Noriega, currently behind bars for failure to "heel." 2.) Three of the five officers convicted of the murder of four U.S. churchwomen in 1980 3.) 19 of the 26 officers convicted of the murder of six Jesuit Priests, their housekeeper, and her daughter in El Salvador in 1989 4.) The organizers of death squads in both El Salvador and Honduras.

The United States will employ terrorism and torture as quickly as any other nation (we just prefer teaching others to do the dirty work for us), so the School of the Americas continues to enjoy $20 million in congressional funding today. Mr. Bush made it clear that the litmus test for identifying our enemy is the blood of the innocent... such as six dead priests? Our enemy, ourselves?

The president has apparently missed the fact that the White House is made of glass and he needs to put that stone down. His public opinion shapers can safely step back from the "good vs. evil" rhetoric they've been feeding us...the war is popular enough among the public without the disingenuous spin and bin Laden isn't Hitler sweeping across Europe...this is not about "good versus evil." This is simply "might makes right" and we must be right because, as Behan pointed out, our bombs are bigger.

C. Ward is a Voice columnist

Kevin's Korner

KEVIN HEATON

By the time you read this, it will be at least two weeks since US-led forces first bombed Afghanistan. Hopefully, this won't turn into a long, extended war. This would cause millions of innocent lives to be lost. Sadly, President Bush would likely use this situation as a means to get re-elected. His father attempted to use the Gulf War for the same purpose. Thankfully, this self-centered tactic didn't work.

If any good comes out of this situation, hopefully it will be that the US will re-examine its foreign policies. To some people this would seem like sucking up to the terrorists. I understand that concern, however if our policies are unjust to begin with, they ought to be changed. If not, we could face even more attacks. Which is worse?

I'd like to respond to Mr. Ward by saying that MassPIIRG is working on getting more recycling on campus. If you, Chris, feel that strongly about it, why not come to our meetings and say so? This is much more effective than taking the offensive.

Some of you may find this hypocritical, because of my recent comments about SGA. This was, mind you, after a whole year of being on SGA and seeing how it is run. I would not have said those things before I saw it for myself.

Perhaps another good thing that could come out of this tragedy is that people will realize what is really important. Our society places so much emphasis on physical appearances, rather than personality.

There is, in effect a class struggle between those who fit society's definition of the "perfect body," and those who don't. They remain one of the few "minority" groups that it is considered "ok" to ridicule and discriminate against. This is why so many women starve themselves to be "thin" and so many athletes use steroids to "build themselves up." This kind of pressure often leads to many physical, psychological, and emotional problems.

Our society's emphasis on appearances places many people at a great disadvantage by requiring them to change, in order to fit in. This is impossible for some people. Karl Marx argued that the institutions that govern the lives of people, shape what kind of person they will become. Our culture is dominated by the mass media that encourages "good looks." Consequently, many people shun those who don't fit into this category. As Marx pointed out, a "misfit" in one culture may flourish in another.

A new group on campus attempting to challenge our society's superficial attitudes is Common Ground. This is a disability awareness group for students and faculty. We intend to inform the college community of the need for greater integration of students with disabilities in academic and social areas. Many disabilities aren't as obvious as others. These include learning disabilities which often go overlooked or ignored by professors.

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Nose Knows...maybe

Have you ever sat down in front of the television at home with your family and had an agreement on what to watch? Well. . . it may happen, but I am pretty sure it doesn't happen often. Lately, all my family has agreed upon is the news, but before that, all my mother and I could agree on was "Days of Our Lives."

KRISTINA MARTINELLI

Now that I live on campus, I have a roommate who is my age with basically the same interests as myself. It is easy for us to agree on a channel, except for when 2 o'clock rolls around. You see. . . she and I have a love of soap operas. Some people may read that and groan, while most people on campus, even guys, watch an occasional soap or two. I prefer "Days of Our Lives" (DOOL) and "Passions." My roommate watches "As the World Turns" (ATWT). Last year in my section, it was "General Hospital" (GH). At two o'clock, we fight over "Passions" or "GH."

What is the obsession with soap operas anyway? Why do people find it necessary to plop down in front of a television at 1, 2, or 3 p.m. to catch their favorite soap? For me, my mother got me into "DOOL." She's watched it since she was in college and got me watching it. That's the way it is with most people, either that or the baby-sitter. If you just recently have tuned in, it's probably because your roommate or your section does. For you guys, I have no clue. Your girlfriend is my best bet.

Well, I know that once it starts, it never ends. It's a very addicting habit to get into. The show is always ending right before those few critical words are said, or before something big happens. I personally like watching soaps because they are unrealistic, to say the least. That's the obsession with any good show, at least to me. It takes my mind off of what is going on in my world and let's me concentrate on something completely not real and having nothing to do with me. That's what makes them so fun, although the story lines can get way out of hand and they can be pretty ridiculous.

So what happens if you miss an episode? Nothing really. You can come back the next day or week for that matter and figure out exactly what happened. I was away all summer once, my mom wrote me a few times about DOOL, but once I came home, I was right back into the show. The only bad part about missing a show is missing a story line finish. Sometimes you want to see the action. Today on "Passions," Dr. Russel punched Julian Crane three times. Who would want to miss that if you knew who these people were? I hate to admit it, but the best parts about the stories are the fights.

O.K., so where was I going with this column? I really have no clue. I just wanted to bring it to everyone's attention that soaps are the way to go. That, and I had minimal topic ideas. If you can't locate your friend in the mid-afternoon, they're probably watching a soap opera. It makes me feel a certain kind of good inside to know that people are probably watching these instead of Jerry Springer. I must say though that even he can be entertaining at times.

K. Martinelli is a Voice columnist

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Hatred

My mother and I walked through the large halls with high ceilings in hopes of finding dinner. All around us were bright signs, McDonalds, Sbarro, Orange Julius. We were in a jungle ready to pounce and kill and sweep the shiny cement floors with our bloody mess. We hunted hand in hand, not like real tigers that don't have hands to hold each other with. So I complained, Mom don't hold my hand when we hunt for food. I think that this hurt her feelings as she then proceeded to swat my head with her purse. She didn't carry her studded bondage bag that day.

Today was not so messy. We ate chicken nuggets at Mickie D's and didn't need to clean up any blood, just sweet and sour sauce that spilt over on the table. Too bad it wasn't blood.

We were getting up to go and I saw these mini carts where people were selling items out of. They looked like those carts that people in the old days used to push around from town to town in hopes of selling their wares. Sometimes those vendors used to sell snake oil as an all-purpose remedy to cure all sorts of ailments like impotency, hair loss,.the ghosts that haunted the heads of the crazies. At this vendor, he was selling Wanted Dead or Alive t-shirts with a picture of Bin Laden on the front. Bin Laden, I wonder if he would shop at Old Navy. He hunts too for food, more like sustenance that will aid his causes. The carnage of his destruction is real. The taste of blood lingers on his tongue, as he never is part of the mortalities that are compromised. He fights like a politician, making the poor his pawns to wreak havoc and materialize his master plans.

The t-shirts were $9.99 a pop. Not too expensive, like McDonald's food. I was looking at the t-shirts plastered with those Bin Laden mug shots. I was confused as young tigers almost always are, is he really there on the shirt, living between the threads? Will he come out and bite my chest with his miniature, picture-sized teeth? Or is he just a figment like this war on terrorism? How can you abolish thoughts and ideas that are not tangible and that reside in people all over the world? My mother asks me, Do you want a t-shirt hunny? I tell her no. She looks confused. Don't you want to be a good patriotic citizen and let everyone know that you have up made your mind who the enemy is? I walk away from her now.

In school today we learned about empathy. I guess it's some big essential vocabulary word in psychology, it's gonna be on the test next week. The teacher was saying stuff about being in other people's shoes so that we could see from their perspective and to resist judgment and prejudice. He then went onto discussing another concept that somehow related to Ted Kaczynski. I think the concept was about needing to gain social skills so that you don't turn out like him, alone in the woods with his Luddite thoughts and multiple typewriters. This bad bad man. Why is it too scary to be him, to imagine being in his shoes, how scary the world was for him? So we should empathize, but only when it concerns normal people. Ah yes, so logical, I'm ridiculous to think that I couldn't have figured that out on my own.

I go back to the mall and I buy a Bin Laden t-shirt, eager to wear it the next day at school.

I walk away, wiping the blood from my lips. Today I caught my very own dinner. The vendor counts his money as I pull the shirt over my head, like a good patriotic son of man.

-Amy Geeleher

Life (according to me).

Last week, I had the pleasure to see Richard Wilbur, former poet laureate of the United States, and a two-time Pulitzer Prize winner read a number of his selected works in the Scanlon Banquet Hall. This was a big deal, and an honor for our school. He's kind of like the Springsteen or Salinger of poetry.

JON SEWELL

The crowd was pathetically small for such an acclaimed speaker. And I'd say that three quarters of those present were required to be there for class credit. Upon entering the room, I heard many say that they would be sitting as close to the door as possible, as they didn't want to spend a moment longer than what was absolutely necessary listening to this dreadful poetry stuff. Half the listeners left during the presentation, many getting up in the middle of a reading. People were talking. People were cracking their hacks. There was giggling. A cell phone went off. I couldn't believe the ignorant rudeness shown by so many students. Most disappointing of all, though, was the sheer apathy, the unwillingness to give the experience a chance. People came to the presentation having already decided that it would suck, and that being exposed to culture was a waste of their time.

I like the idea of being able to carry on a half intelligent conversation about a topic that doesn't include beer bongs, passing out, or projectile vomiting.

Look, if poetry isn't your thing, that's fine. You see, I'm not really into poetry all that much myself. More often than not, I think a perfectly valid message gets lost in a sea of self-important metaphors and alliteration, the poet mistaking "the best words in the best order" for indecipherability. But seeing a presentation by Wilbur is simply an amazing opportunity. Like I said, I'm no poet (don't ya know it...sorry, had to do it), but I figured this would be about as good a chance as any to broaden my horizons a little, to be exposed to an art form I know little about. Why don't people understand this? How can we pass up on a chance like this?

I know this is near inconceivable, but finding a sale on Busch Light isn't going to be a top priority for the rest of our lives. At what point are we going to realize that sometimes it's nice to learn for the sake of learning, and not to just get a degree in as short a time as possible? Y'know, sometimes it's fun to experience something new, not for extra credit or a class requirement, but because exposure to such things make us a more interesting, dynamic person. Can you start hitting museums and going to poetry readings and listening to new types of music anytime in your life? Sure. But I assure you; you'll never have such an opportunity rich environment as your time in college.

I guess it could be argued that people didn't hear about the presentation. Fair enough. I only heard about it through a professor. But this goes beyond people missing (and displaying intolerably rude behavior during) one poetry reading. We have a number of guest lecturers on campus each semester, and I've never seen them well attended. I suppose devoting an hour or so to hearing about a new idea or perspective is just too much of a sacrifice, especially if it means missing a week of "Dawson's Creek." There are free music shows just about every month, the bands often playing for audiences of five or six people. Why? Because MTV hasn't told us that these bands are worth our time? The teller window sells tickets to the symphony in Springfield. I wonder how many they've sold so far?

Granted, I don't attend every lecture, show, and presentation on campus. Sometimes, I've got work to do. Other times, I'd rather sit in my apartment and play Smackdown 2 (my wrestler ought to have a Hardcore title shot any day now…). And if sometimes you just don't feel like hearing a lecture on learning styles, that's okay. But to think that there are people graduating who have NEVER been to any of the events here on campus…well, I have to wonder what they really want to make of their lives. Maybe being entirely two-dimensional appeals to them. I dunno.

Contrary to popular belief, this college thing we're doing isn't about preparing us for a career. It's about making us into interesting, well-rounded people who have learned how to continue learning. Please, don't blow this tremendous opportunity we've been given. I for one LIKE the idea of being well read. I like the idea of being able to carry on a half-intelligent conversation about a topic that doesn't include beer bongs, passing out, or pmjectile vomiting.

But then again, I'm the kind of guy who goes to poetry readings for kicks, so what do I know about life and having fun? In fact, you'd probably be best off just forgetting about this whole column.

If I seem bitter, I apologize. It's been one of those weeks. I'll make sure I don't learn anything in the next few days. Then I can be all chipper for the next installment.

See ya next week.

J. Sewell is a Voice columnist

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WSKB Executive board turned loose in New York

JED DION
A & E EDITOR

After all New York City had been through, it still had one more evil to face: a visit from myself and a few other members of the WSKB executive board. The purpose of our adventure was to attend a four-day music conference called CMJ (College Music Journal)Music Marathon. Held in Manhattan, this trip was a chance for myself and others to roam around New York, and see some live music. I've conveniently broken this story into sections. Read what interests you, or read the whole thing.

CMJ

CMJ is four days for mostly live shows and conferences. With our official CMJ passes, my party and I were able to meet with record promoters, Internet promoters, zine writers and other college music related organizations. Some of the panels open for us to sit in on included such things as how to market a band, how to get your music into a film, how to assemble a press kit, promotion ideas for college radio stations, and all sorts of other things relating to radio. Some ran twenty minutes, while others could get up to two hours. There was even a chance for artists to present their demo tape or CD to various record company representatives for feedback.

Every club in Manhattan had been taken over by CMJ, for at least a day. Shows could be found all over, in all types of clubs. Most of the bands, I had never heard of. The one show I went to, was on Friday night and featured tons of bands on various punk and rock record labels. Nine bands played over the course of the whole evening, only four of which were any good. But we got in free with our handy CMJ passes, so it didn't matter. Held in the WWF restaurant The World, this show was fifteen dollars to the public. Bands that played included Showoff, The Movielife, Thursday, The Starting Line and Finch.

Oddly enough, we spent more time running around the city than actually doing any CMJ stuff. The whole conference was pushed back from it's original date, putting a damper on what it had to offer.

The Twin Towers

I made my way down to where the World Trade Center had been, to convince myself of the reality. Making my way past sectioned off parts of the sidewalk, I was able to catch a view of the rubble that had once stood as the World Trade Center. I had to keep looking though, as it didn't seem real to me. My feelings of awe were quickly changed to slight anger upon seeing street merchants selling useless items dealing with the WTC. You could buy flags, flag holders, pins, shirts, photographs and drawings of the World Trade Center. Somehow these people are able to sleep at night knowing that they made forty dollars that day selling this junk. Instantly, this tragedy has become a wonderful money making deal."

Another thing that surprised me, were the people lining the sidewalks in front of the ruins, taking pictures and filming videos of the ruins. How completely desensitized have we become, when we can take snapshots of an American tragedy, for our photo albums or to use as proof that "hey man, I was so there!" I heard someone say, "Well, it's a part of history." Hey, cut out a magazine photo. Clip something out of the newspaper. My Uncle Ernie was a part of my family history, when he died, we didn't take snap shots of him in his coffin.

Other Random Fun

It was a learning experience trying to make my way through the subway systems with Aggressive Director Kevin Murray. Usually, Faculty Advisor Chris Slaughter navigated the subway, but one day Kevin and I found ourselves down there alone. Lets just say it took a while to get back to the hotel.

I spotted Monica Lewinsky in a deli one night while out with some friends I met up with from home. She was enjoying a grilled cheese with some pals three booths down from where I was seated.

How long does it really take to get to New York? Seven hours? Probably not, but that's what we did it in. Getting to New York was simple, once inside it's limits, our driver got a little confused. So we saw a little more of New York, three extra hours worth and upon arriving at our hotel, we found it nicely set up with pink and light green walls, two bathrooms per floor and doors that can be kicked down in two tries. Kevin and I found this last part out when our key did not fit into the door and we had to call for the nice man at the front desk to come up and kick a door panel in to unlock the door.

All of us radio folk were running wild in the NBC studios a day before the anthrax discovery. In fact, my roommate Wayne and some of the other radio folk attended the Conan O'Brien show the day before the scare. Creepy huh?

Time Marches On

JEFFREY J. MUZZY

I was out one day and found myself in a store that was promoting Christmas stuff. Correct me if I'm wrong, but aren't we banging on the door of Halloween? October? Watching television during one of the few vacant spots I have in my schedule, I caught a commercial showing "Who's Line is it Anyway" star Colin Mockery following this guy around, the guy doing his best to get away from Colin. The tagline for this ad is "Are you avoiding your retirement plan?" A retirement commercial. What do these two things have in common? I'll tell you.

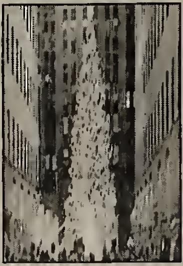
The inevitable future. Advertising constantly pushes the inescapable, undeniable, fateful future. It's coming whether you like it or not. The commercials or other promotions could be about anything. "Rogaine for when you start going bald." What about entertainment? There are plenty of ads for the winter movies like, "Harry Potter," and "The Lord of the Rings." It just seems to me that advertising lives in a day that we are not in yet.

Hey, I'm no grasshopper, I know that tomorrow will come, my metabolism will slow down and my weight will go up. My friends will plan for movies this winter and we'll all put in to have Super Bowl Sunday off. Plan ahead, that's good. What about today, though? What about not pouring over stock options for your kids to cash in when they're 18? What about not looking at yourself in the mirror and wondering how you'll look when you're balding, fat and sagging all over the place. You too, guys. What I'm saying is, what day is it today?

Two weeks ago it was 70 degrees out, two weeks from now it'll be 55. What is it today, and how many do we have left? When was the last time you washed your car or went for a walk? Don't forget, that even though we all have duties, jobs, assignments and whatever else we have to do, we must give ourselves a bright future. What will those futures look like when we are there, but too tired or stressed out to enjoy it? They say that you have to stop to smell the roses along the way, but wait too long, and those roses will die. Check them out before it's too late.

If everyone got in on the advertising scheme of pushing what hasn't come yet, you'd see funeral homes advertising the new fall line-up of caskets. "Every 2000 and 2001 model must go!!!" Why don't you put yourself on a waiting list for a new kidney? What, you don't need one? What happens when you do, twenty years from now? Do you know how long the wait will be? You may as well get your deli number now so when you need that kidney or pound of baloney you can say you were ready. You were prepared. Give me a break. What are we, Boy Scouts? Isn't that their motto, "Always be prepared"? You think they've got their retirement plan worked out? I doubt it. They still can't figure out how to do a sailor's knot. Which I'm sure will come in very handy.

Hey, I'm not here to take down the Boy Scouts of America, but I want to remind everyone that even though you have classes and work and home responsibilities, you have to stop worrying about tomorrow and remember that you're here today. It's sad that a near death experience or a notice that you're getting shipped out to defend your country is when people open up their eyes to make the most of the days they have left. If your're reading this, you're not dead yet. Make sure you take the time to do something that you like. But do it now. Take a martial art, or start a book. Read it or write it, I don't care. Go see a movie that's out today; I hear "The Others" is good. Ask people who have graduated from college what they wish they had done differently during their college years.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Is it Christmas time already?

Hindsight is not only twenty/twenty but it's also behind you. You can't go back. So make the time to do the things you want. Say the things you may not get to say down the road or wished you had. The future's coming, the past is gone. What day do you live in? I've claimed my plot of land and cracked the bind to my book. It's your turn.

But that's just my perspective.

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The Three

CHRIS PINEO

"The Three" is a story written by student Chris Pineo. Each week a new chapter appears in The Campus Voice.

Chapter 4

By this time I was interested in what the mook had to say. He was starting to look antsy and I was starting to get hungry. Aside from that, this was taking too long. "I'm ready to start listening, if you're ready to start explaining," I said.

He began by clearing his throat. "The senator in the pictures is one Jason Iditarod. As I may or may not have mentioned, I am in the employ of a party that wishes to see the story come to fruition. The informant that brought this story to your attention also works for the party."

I had to interrupt. "Hey, I'd love to stay out here all night but..."

"I'll thank you to be quiet and listen."

I guessed that this course of action might lead him to conclude more quickly. Thankfully, it did. I also thought that my interrupting added incentive for my mysterious friend to get to the point.

"The senator was paid by a higher up in a company called Pegasus Conglomerate. You may or may not be familiar with this company. It is a large conglomeration of car companies, domestic airlines and more. If it flies, floats, or drives, they have a share in it and have all but cornered the market in domestic distribution of fuel.

"Congress has been strangely neglectful of the fact that these holdings constitute a monopoly. However, there is resistance, and your senator friend is at the forefront of it."

I interrupted. "Okay, but none of this bears any relevance as to why he was here taking a bribe."

"That wasn't a bribe as such."

"What! What then?"

He started pacing before he continued "Iditarod owns a failing car company in his home state. This company's going under which will most certainly bankrupt him. This would be embarrassing for the senator. To spare him this fate Pegasus offered to buy the company from him." This was too much.

"Blackmail?"

"Worse. Pegasus it would seem, has sabotaged the company."

"How?"

"The company stock has been falling consistently since it went on the market. My employer believes that Pegasus has used some unseen influence over the stock market to drive the competition to bankruptcy."

"Mind telling why your employer chose me?"

"There are three companies involved here. The exploits of Pegasus are just the tip of the iceberg. Your newspaper is under the employ of one of them. I can give you no more information or you will become a target of the three. Which happens to be unavoidable, but to have you targeted now would seriously disrupt my employer's timetable."

He got back in the car. As I got in I noticed he made a point to buckle his safety belt. I had one more question, "Who are the three?"

"You'll have to answer that question for yourself. Here, this will help," he said, handing me a small folded piece of paper.

-Tune in next week for Chapter 5

Nieto stresses importance of multicultural education in lecture

Laura Gibson
Voice Reporter

On October 4, 2001, I went to the first lecture of the Guest Lecture Series featuring Sonia Nieto. The lecture was titled, "Creating Multicultural Learning Communities.

First, a little background on Sonia Nieto. She is an author of several books including "Affirming Diversity: The Sociopolitical Context of Multicultural Education." She is very distinguished as an advisor on equity and social justice. She resides now as a professor of education at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

The main point of Nieto's speech was, multicultural education is very important in a child's education. Nieto made many points to why it was important and why multicultural education needs to be part of a child's basic education. She used several examples from her 35 years of teaching.

"Light in their Eyes" was a book written by Nieto, directed at elementary and secondary school teachers. This book was written to point out the reasons why multicultural education is so important in today's society. If children are going to learn about the different cultures in today's world, "it can best be learned in the classroom." A question Nieto posed was, "Out of high school, what have they learned?" The college level may have diversity dinners, but is it a multicultural community? "It is NOT ENOUGH! " is Nieto's view. Putting up decorations of Martin Luther King, "Is NOT ENOUGH!," Nieto stressed. "Basic education is simply not an option. We need to make sure that our students have the kind of education they need," she said. Multicultural education needs to be built into the curriculum, "not just in reading, but all classes students have."

Colleges and universities need to make more of a multicultural curriculum. There needs to be more diversity within the professors and their backgrounds, Nieto stated. It is just not colleges though, but high school as well. Westfield State College needs to expand upon their diversity here. There should be more diverse opportunities.

Nieto stated a quote from someone she had once spoken to. "We don't need a multicultural perspective in a small town with two blacks in a community." Nieto disagreed with that idea. "Everyone needs it. No matter where you live. Population always changes." I agree with her. If one moves from suburbia to and urban area such as New York City, you will of course become acquainted with more diversity.

Nieto began teaching at 22 years old at a Brooklyn high school in NYC. Nieto spoke of one teacher's statement. This person had said that she would go into the classroom and close the door. This classroom was her room, her life. Nieto gave a strong, NO! You need to open your door, otherwise what happens is, you become isolated. Isolation is not good. You need to grasp all that is around you and learn.

At the institutional level, you need to look at the curriculum, pedagogy, strategies on how it will reach the students and look at who you are hiring. All these points need to be looked at Nieto said.

Collective Transformation is the way to go, Nieto said. She asked testing...how will it affect the teaching style? She then went on to speak about the transformation process in higher education. There are four conditions, which one must follow. They are; first, communities must be anti racist and biased in the recruitment of teachers. You need to have a multicultural perspective.

Second, students have challenges and strengths. They must take a more positive view. For example, "What a wonderful resource to having you (Spanish speaking child) in the classroom, instead of don't speak Spanish, that is rude." Nieto went on to say that students need to use their experiences throughout life and pass it on to others, so they can learn from others.

Third, to promote vital social committal situations, and last, communities that are empowering and just. Nieto ran out of her allotted time to go into more detail about the last two conditions, but there was one story that I'd like to share with you.

She told a story of a teacher named Patty (Art) and a student named Kaylie (lst grade) from an Amherst school. Kaylie wrote a letter to Patty saying, "My mom was leaving black and brown people out of my books." Being that Patty was very multiculturally oriented, the teacher responded by including art projects with all different people. They would have discussions of what was fair and unfair and stereotypes as well. Looking at different picture books, they would decide which books were fair and unfair. When talking about these different kinds of people, Patty would always use the proper words, such as African-American, Asian, Latino, etc.

In one case, a student came to Patty and said "you left out the white people," in this picture. They then went on to count the people and they found out that yes there were white people. They just did not dominate the picture. The boy went on to say, "Maybe it is because I am used to seeing more of them." This boy went on to write to the publisher. He told them that the pictures were not fair in the book. Ms. Nieto then finished by saying, "We must" prepare young children, older children, and college students for the 21st century.

-File Photo

Sonia Nieto spoke to WSC on the value of multicultural education.

Ms. Nieto was a very captivating speaker. I really enjoyed her speech a lot. She gave me a new perspective at looking at life. Being that the United States has become more diverse and is continuing to do so, WE MUST, teach our young children about these diverse cultures. They are living in a society that includes, African-Americans, Asian-Americans, Latinos, Pacific Islanders, and more. If these young children do not know about these cultures, our country will continue to be very narrow-minded and ignorant.

Remembered Pasts

COLLIN PROCTOR

"Remembered Pasts" is a story written by student Collin Proctor. Each week a new chapter appears in the Campus Voice.

9. He said/ She Said.

"I think I love her," Mike said to his roommate.

"That's a bold statement, Mike. You guys have only been together for a month."

"I know but I think I do. I can't stand not being with her. And when I am with her I feel...complete. You have no idea how she looks at me. When she looks at me I feel like I could do anything. She supports me in every thing I do. The other day she made me go to the travel abroad meeting. I've always wanted to go to Ireland but I never would have thought it was possible. And she's gonna help me get the money together. I can't describe the feelings I have for her. I think it's love." Mike's roommate looked at him.

"I think you make me sick. But I also think you should tell her this."

Jen sat in her room crying. Her roommate brought her a kleenex. "Why is this happening to me. I didn't want to get involved with a guy because of this. I love Mike but how is this going to work if I have to go to New York in a month. Maybe I should fail all my classes so I can stay an extra year."

"Have you talked to Mike about this?"

"How am I supposed to do that? Hi I love you but I'm leaving and I won't ever see you again. It will be even worse if he goes to Ireland. Why did I talk him into going to that meeting? What am I gonna do?"

Check in next week for chapter 10

WSKB SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Magaly 8-10	The Duck & Venus 8-10	Eileen 8-10	OPEN 8-10	Jon 8-10	OPEN 8-10	OPEN 8-10
OPEN 10-12	OPEN 10-12	OPEN 10-12	OPEN 10-12	OPEN 10-12	Doug, Chris & Gary 10-12	OPEN 10-12
OPEN 12-2	OPEN 12-2	OPEN 12-2	Nick and Dan 12-2	Adam, Kelly & Gino 12-2	Jeff and Jess 12-2	Blaster 12-2
Brian Mazzone 2-4	Adrienne and Harmonie 2-4	Brad Albeere 2-4	Mike and Tim 2-4	Martin Lee 2-4	OPEN 2-4	Adrianne and Sarah 2-4
OPEN 4-6	Christian 4-6	Eric and Than 4-6	Wayne and DJ 4-6	Ryan and Jim 4-6	Mike and Brian 4-6	Andy and Ben 4-6
Jon and Jon 6-8	Mike and Andy 6-8	Melissa and Shoca 6-8	Scott 6-8	Shaggy 6-8	Moe Jams 6-8	OPEN 6-8
The Revolution in Stereo 8-10	The Revolution 8-10	Cyclone Jay 8-10	Whip City Radio Theater 8-10	Andy Barron 8-10	Saturday Night Live in the Campus Center 8-12	Live Bands 8-10
Lauren and Katie 10-12	Jim and Jay 10-12	Steve 10-12	Terrance and Holly 10-12	Mike Begley 10-12		Tommy and Bobby 10-12
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Lapointe's Passing Paces Westfield Past Bridgewater

BRIDGEWATER - Westfield State sophomore quarterback Chris Lapointe of Millers Falls threw for four touchdowns and 328 yards - both school records - to lead the Owls to a 27-19 New England Football Conference victory over Bridgewater State onOct. 13.

The victory keeps the Owls undefeated (6-0 overall, 5-0 in the NEFC Bogan Division) and snapped a 13-year losing streak to Bridgewater that dated back to 1988.

Lapointe - who completed 11 of 30 passes and threw two interceptions - wasted no time getting the Owls on the scoreboard, finding Erik Consilvio deep down the middle for a 49-yard scoring toss less than a minute into the game.

Lapointe finished the first half leading Westfield 85 yards in less than a minute before finding Matt Yvon of East Longmeadow (Cathedral High School) on a seven-yard out pattern for a touchdown as time expired for a 13-0 lead at the intermission.

Bridgewater - whose offense sputtered most of the game - tied the score with a pair of spectacular special teams plays by Dave Dungan. Dungan returned a punt 66 yards for a touchdown to make the score 13-7 with 3:21 left in the third quarter.

Then in the middle of the fourth quarter the Owls marched 78 yards in 15 plays only to stall at the Bridgewater two-yard line. Ryan Clifford attempted an 18-yard field goal only to have it blocked up the middle. Dungan scooped up the ball and raced 90 yards untouched for a touchdown. The extra point attempt failed to make the score 13-13 with 9:21 remaining.

Lapointe - a transfer from Central Connecticut State - wasted no time getting back those points. Two plays later he found East Bridgewater native David Eaton down the right sideline for an 80-yard pass-run touchdown. After stopping Bridgewater on the next series, Lapointe this time found Yvon down the right sideline for an 82-yard touchdown to give the Owls a 27-13 lead with 5:45 remaining.

The Bears mustered their only scoring drive of the day after going 69 yards in five plays, with wide receiver Duncan Averill coming down with a 43-yard touchdown pass between two defenders with 2:02 remaining. The Bears never got the ball back as the Owls picked up a first down and ran out the clock.

In addition to Lapointe's school passing records, the Owls set a school record for total offensive yards with 533. The Owls rushed for 205 yards, with senior Shawn Lyman of West Springfield carrying the ball 30 times for 161 yards, the exact yardage he was averaging thru five games as the fifth-ranked rusher nationally in NCAA Division III.

Yvon had five catches for 137 yards and two scores, while Eaton caught four passes for 130 yards. Bridgewater was held to 33 net yards rushing on 35 carries against the nation's No. 1 rated defense, but the Bears completed 12 of 33 passes for 222 yards. The Owls did record five quarterback sacks and three interceptions.

Westfield's former school record for passing yards in a game was held by Kevin Wesoloski of South Deerfield, who threw for 310 yards vs. Framingham State in 1991.

Junior middle linebacker Josue Zamora, senior end Tim Corr, and junior end John Cloutier again led the Owls' defensive charge. Zamora registered 12 tackles, including seven solos, and a fumble recovery. Cloutier racked up seven tackles, including four for losses and three sacks. Corr contributed 10 tackles and two sacks.

Unbeaten Owls Gain Recognition; Gear For Nov. 3 Showdown

The Westfield State College football team is making a name for itself on the regional and national levels this season.

The Owls of 12th year head coach Steve Marino are off to their best start ever with a 6-0 record heading into their Alumni Weekend game vs. Mount Ida College this past weekend. The gridders have set numerous school records this season in marching to the undefeated record, which includes their first victory over conference rival Bridgewater State in 13 years.

Westfield is ranked third in the latest New England Division 3 poll, trailing only Worcester State College and Western Connecticut State. The biggest game in the 20-year history of the program will take place on Nov. 3 when the Owls host Worcester State, which is ranked 21st in the nation.

Westfield State and Worcester State own 5-0 records in the Bogan Division of the New England Football Conference, and the winner of the game will advance to the NEFC championship game on Nov. 10. The winner of the NEFC championship receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Individual standouts for the Owls include senior running back Shawn Lyman, who ranks third nationally in rushing yards per game (161.0), and sophomore quarterback Chris Lapointe, who was named conference player of the week in the big 27-19 win at Bridgewater when he set school records with four touchdown passes and 328 yards passing.

Junior linebacker Josue Zamora leads the stingy Westfield defense that is ranked nationally in the following categories: total defense (2nd); passing defense (3rd); rushing defense (13th); and scoring defense (14th).

Westfield State quarterback Chris Lepointe was named the ECAC Northeast and New England Football Conference offensive player of the week for his record setting performance against Bridgeweter State. The sophomore transfer from Central Connectictut State had four touchown pesses and 328 passing yards - both school records - in Westfield's 27-19 victory at Bridgewater Stete.

Fall Sports Report

Men's Cross Country

Bousquet Leads Owls To 5th

WESTFIELD - Westfield State placed 5th in the James Earley cross country invitational held at Stanley Park on Saturday, Oct. 13.

A total of 23 full teams and 220 runners competed in the men's race. Vassar College won the team title with 57 points followed by Wheaton (83) and Trinity (125).

Junior Tom Bousquet of Chicopee was Westfield's top runner; he finished ninth with a time of 27:17 over the five-mile layout. He was followed by Geoff Churchill (19th, 28:00), Matt Frederick (27th, 28:15), and Marco Iannello (31st, 28:27).

Vassar's Stephen Money placed first with a time of 25:58.

Women's Cross Country

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State finished 14th in the James Earley cross country invitational held at Stanley Park on Saturday, Oct. 13.

A total of 26 teams and 263 women competed in the annual race. Trinity won the team title with 40 points, followed by Coast Guard (108) and Wheaton (127).

Senior Starr Hockenberry of Southwick was Westfield's top runner, finishing 29th in 20:20. She was followed by Catie Geldert (71st, 21:22) and Christine Byrne (91st, 21:45).

Smith College's Sara Lewicke finished first in 18:39.

Women's Volleyball Stays Undefeated In Conference

WORCESTER - The Westfield State women's volleyball team remained undefeated in the Mass. State Conference by sweeping a tri-match on Oct. 13.

The Owls outlasted Framingham State 30-24, 34-32, 30-14, then defeated host Worcester State 30-20, 30-16, 30-16.

Westfield is 9-9 overall and 6-0 in the conference. The Owls have one regular season conference game remaining vs. Bridgewater State, which is also unbeaten in league play.

Senior Sarah Cormier and junior Katelyn Foley played well for the Owls in their sweep of Worcester and Framingham.

Women's Volleyball

Amherst 3 - Westfield State 0

AMHERST - Amherst College swept Westfield State, 30-7, 30-15, 30-16, in nonconference women's volleyball action on Oct. 16.

For Westfield State, senior Katie Simlick had a team-high 10 kills and seven digs. Senior Sarah Cormier contributed nine assists and Leah Schmidt recorded seven digs.

Sports Notices

- **The Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act (EADA)** of Higher Education Act requires institutions to report data on an annual basis concering their intercollegiate athletics program. Tables 1 through 10 must be made available by Oct. 15 to students, prospective students, and the public. This year's report is now available and contains information for the reporting year beginning 7-1-00 and ending 6-30-01. Copies of this report are available for inspection by the public at the following locations: President Woodward's office (333 Western Ave.), Vice President Arthur Jackson's office (Ely 236), the athletics department (Ely 244), and the Ely College Library. Nancy Bals, assistant athletics director, is also available to answer questions regarding this report.

- **The first home ice hockey game** is Saturday, Nov. 3, at 6:00 p.m. vs. Lehigh, Pa., University. Tickets are $3 for students (with college ID) or $10 season pass. Contact coach Brian Ward at 568-5865.

- **The Westfield Public Schools athletics department** is seeking candidates for coaching positions in the following sports: head swimming, assistant swimming, assistant skiing, assistant boys' basketball, and freshman boys' basketball. Contact 572-6484 for additional information.

Calabrese, Whalley Rally Owls By MCLA

Men's Soccer

Westfield State 2 - Mass. College 1

WESTFIELD - Junior Chris Whalley of Southwick scored off a direct kick to rally Westfield State to a 2-1 overtime men's soccer victory over Massachusetts College.

Whalley's blast from 30 yards was directed high to the right corner. Mass. College's goalie momentarily stopped the shot, but it glanced off his gloves and dropped into the goal.

Massachusetts College took a 1-0 lead in the 63rd minute on an own goal when Westfield's sweeper back misdirected his own header into the goal from 15 yards out. The Owls tied the score with exactly one minute left in regulation on a goal from hard-charging sophomore Joe Calabrese of West Springfield. Assisting on the game-tying tally were Garrett O'Connell and Dave Gadouas of Chicopee.

Westfield and Mass. College are both tied for second place in the Mass. State Conference with 3-1-1 records. Worcester State remains in first place with a 4-0-1 record.. The Owls improved to 6-5-1 overall and are 4-0-1 in their last five games.

Westfield hosts WPI on Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 7:00 p.m.

Men's Soccer

Westfield 1 - Bridgewater State 0

BRIDGEWATER - Freshman Brian White of Barre (Quabbin Regional) scored the game's only goal to lead Westfield State to a 1-0 Mass. State Conference victory over Bridgewater State.

White scored in the 31st minute off a cross from junior Garrett O'Connell. Bridgewater, which outshot Westfield, 10-3, increased the pressure in the second half. With just under seven minutes left in the game, Bridgewater senior midfielder Jason Hanscomb of Agawam hit the right post from 20 yards. But the Owls withstood the run to claim the key road victory.

Goalie D.J. Conway - the Owls' only senior - made six saves before leaving the game in the 86th minute with a hip injury.

Women's Soccer

Westfield 2 - Mass. College 0

NORTH ADAMS - The Westfield State women's soccer team tallied a pair of first-half goals to defeat Massachusetts College.

Westfield finished regular season conference play with a 3-3 record.

Meghan McCann scored the game-winning goal with 17:45 left in the first half; senior co-captain Joy Flaherty was credited with the assist.

Five minutes later, senior co-captain Kelly Furlong scored off a direct kick.

Field Hockey

Westfield State 2 - Salem State 0

SALEM - Sophomore Theresa Yacovone of East Longmeadow scored both goals to lead Westfield State to a 2-0 victory over Salem.

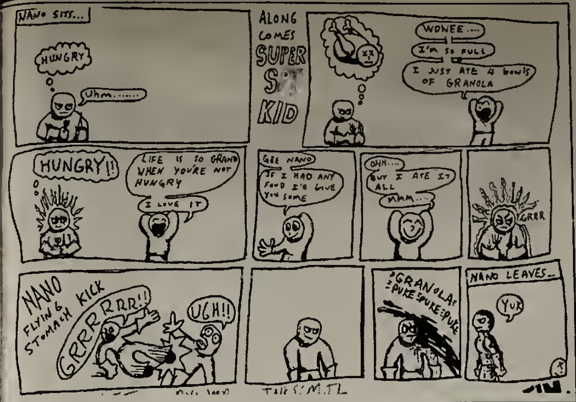
The Owls, who outshot Salem, 14-7, improved to 7-6 overall and 3-1 in the Mass. State Conference.

Field Hockey

Keene State 1 - Westfield 0

Keene State won in overtime in the Owls' final home game Oct. 17.

Westfield is 7-7 overall and 4-5 in the Little East Conference.



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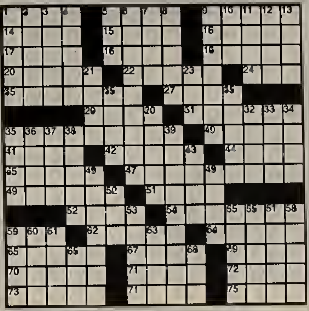

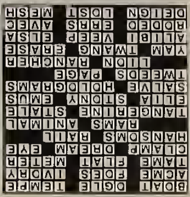

Personals

"I don't have sex. I just dry hump!"

"My Dad calls me the "little one."

What happened to the loft project that SGA was trying to start last year?

I saw a uterus on the campus green last night.

Will someone pop my zit?

Hey ladies, don't I look so young with out my sideburns? Chicks might dig me now.

Who's John going to the Ball with? Nobody!

My neighbors are terrorist.

I bent my wookie!

Drama = 1C1 Saturday morning

Silva - you're still gonna clean our apartment when you leave, right?

Go Hooters!

WANTED: The lady living in the Scanlon dumpster. $100 Reward.

I've never heard of such a thing!

Lauren...You have been officially cut off! GET OVER IT!

Courtney Chicks are Grade A, top choice meat!!!

Brian, Thank you for being everything I've ever wanted.

Tet, why were you wearing a bullet proof vest when driving the shuttle?

Pat, how does it feel to have one nut?

Jeff, I miss you and I'm so happy I have you for a friend. -Little May

Some lady jumped out of the Scanlon dumster and stole my wallet.

Olive's neck problem has cleared.

COPS...7-8 p.m. Everyday on Court TV.

JG Beaver needs his wood wacked...Red?

Heffe is the man of my wildest dreams.

Missy - Go back to Ethiopia.

I wish my name was Michelle so I could say, "Hi my name is Michelle Hand." Oh yeah, I wish my last name was Hand.

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

USEFUL INFORMATION

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WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events

Mon 10/22	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Along Came a Spider"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Exit Wounds"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Tue 10/23	2:15 p.m.	Shakespeare Video	Ely Lower Lounge
	4:00 p.m.	Helping Friends: Depression	Scanlon Living Room
	5:30 p.m.	SGA Meeting	SGA Room
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Soccer vs. Worcester Polytech	Alumni Field
	7:00 p.m.	Volleyball at Bridgewater State	Bridgewater, MA
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Joe Dirt"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Snatch"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Wed 10/24	4:30 p.m.	Campus Activities Board	SGA Room
	7:00 p.m.	Jazz Night	Ely Main Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	"Mi Puerto Rico"	Ely Lower Level
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Saving Silverman"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Save the Last Dance"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Thur 10/25	4:00 p.m.	"I Drive Better When I'm Drunk"	Wilson Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Down to Earth"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Traffic"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Karaoke Night	Ely Main Lounge
Fri 10/26	4:15 p.m.	Gay Straight Alliance	Ely 232
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Soccer at Fitchburg State	Fitchburg, MA
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "A Knigbt's Tale"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Sweet Novermber"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Sat 10/27	TBA	Men's and Women's Cross Country	Dartmouth, MA
	12:00 a.m.	Football at Nichols	Dudley, MA
	1:00 p.m.	Volleyball vs. Eastern Connecticut	Parenzo Gym
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "A Knight's Tale"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Sweet Novermber"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Saturday night Live w/ WSKB	Ely Main Lounge
Sun 10/28	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "A Knight's Tale"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
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State legislature fails to honor faculty contracts

By Adrienne Lamplough
Assistant Editor

Westfield State College's student's tuition might raise $1000 and the faculty are being denied their money after their contract agreement is on standstill because Massachusetts State Legislature will not honor their side of the deal.

Professor Brad Art of the Philosophy department, also a member of the Bargaining Committee for contract funding, said the faculty is really disappointed. "The governor signed the contract, the faculty signed the contract and legislature won't honor it," Art explained.

The contract, settled last March, was supposed to be finalized over the summer.

WSC is not the only school looking for a contract and it isn't the only contract that needs funding, Art said. "There are 40 other contracts that need funding and legislature is not honoring any of them."

Some public administrators and elected officials appear to subscribe to the thinking that public is bad and private is good, Buzz

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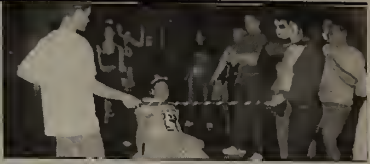

-Photos by Kelly Clarke

Students at the 5th annual Halloween Masquerade. Above-The winners of the best group costume, the six pack of Bud Light. Above right-Students participating in a limbo contest held at the dance last Thursday night.

Animal Man costume takes home first place

By Alison Close
Voice Reporter

Witches and ghouls, ghosts and goblins, and all sorts of vastly attired students united to attend the fifth annual Halloween Masquerade dance, co-sponsored hy the Classes of 2003 and 2005, on Thursday, October 25. About 200 people danced the evening away in the Scanlon Banquet Hall from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

The most eventful portion of the evening was the costume-judging contest, which took place around 10 o'clock. Animal Man (Monty Geer, class of 2005) took home the prize for best costume, winning a $50 gift certificate to the Holyoke Mall. Geer's response to his big win was pretty laid back.

"The doorway ceilings were too low," said Animal Man. "I'm just a monster man."

Best Group went to the 6-pack of Bud Light. (Donlyn DeStefano, Nicole Larocque, Kristen Joyce, Tim Godzik, Carolyn McCarthy, and Kate Gelinas, all seniors.)

"We know you want a sip!" said

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SGA updates campus on future events and activities

By Tom Perron
Voice Reporter

Westfield State College's student Senate met Tuesday, Oct. 23, to discuss various issues on campus.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Auditions will be held for "Say What Karaoke" on Mon., Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. in Ely Main Lounge. Sign ups will be in each of the resident halls, the music department and in the SGA room. Students can go to the SGA room and look at the book of karaoke songs, LaPierre said.

Finals, LaPierre said, will be held on Wed., Nov 14 at 7 p.m. with location to be announced. Admission to the finals is $1. "The judges for the finals are VP Jackson, Mary Murphy from the Dining Commons and Professor Frank Guilano from the Science Department," LaPierre said.

"Not only will you be able to see fellow classmates sing," LaPierre said, "but also 'The Elements Crew' will be performing between the first and second rounds." The dance team will be performing while the scores from round two are being tallied, LaPierre said.

The first place prize is a limo ride on Nov. 13 to New York City and four Conan O'Brien Show tickets, LaPierre said. The second place prize will be a $100 gift certificate to the Holyoke Mall, she added. Campus Activities Board (CAB) has not decided on the third place prize yet.

The Weekend Programming Committee, which is also headed by LaPierre, will be sponsoring two concerts on Nov. 2 and 3. The first concert will take place in the Third World Room on Nov. 2 at 8 p.m. The concert will feature two bands, Driftwood and Almost Speechless. The second concert will be held Nov. 3 at 8 p.m. in the Ely Third World Room, featuring Rane. Both concerts will be free, LaPierre said.

The next coffeehouse will be Wednesday, Nov. 2, at 8 p.m. in Ely Main Lounge. Anyone interested in performing can call SGA at x5429.

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WSC student sees politics first hand at Springfield mayoral debate

By Brooke Popielarz
Voice Reporter

Last week, I attended a political debate between Mayor Michael J. Albano and State Representative Paul E. Caron at Western New England College.

The debate was sponsored by Western New England College, WGGB-TV News 40, Valley Press Club, Union News and Sunday Republican.

Sleith Hall was filled with about one-hundred and eighty dignitaries from the Springfield community, including President Anthony Caprio of the college, Hampden County District Attorney William M. Bennett, Hampden County Sheriff Michael J. Ashe, the Urban League Director, college trustees, the president of the Union News and many others.

When I arrived at the event, I expected people to come in the lecture room and begin the debate. But, many other things were needed for the debate to begin. It required the proper lighting, color, camera angle and the correct timing.

Everyone was instructed to remain seated prior to the debate going live.

Jim Madigan worked as the neutral moderator for the event. He started us off with the Pledge of Allegiance, then he counted down to the last possible second before airing and led the candidates to the panel.

-File Photos

Springfield mayoral candidates incumbent Mayor Michael Albano (left) and Representative Paul Caron (rigbt)

For the first thirty minutes candidates were questioned hy the panel, who were selected from The Union News, representatives of the college, WWLP-TV 22 and Channel 40. Mayor Albano and Representative Caron had a chance to debate the last thirty minutes.

Debatable topics arose, such as MCAS testing, the Big Dig, street repairs and budget. Representative Caron acted informal, looked to be a little choked at times and used many cliches in his debate.

Whereas, "Albano struck us as confident, strong and addressed pretty much every issue directly," said a volunteer student from Western New England College.

Panelist Ray Hershell from Channel 40, questioned both candidates on the issue of the MCAS. But neither candidate seemed to address the issue.

The debate concluded after one hour. Madigan directed the candidates quickly and concisely, cutting them off when their time was up.

With a chuckle from the

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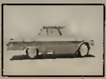

Check out Jon Sewell's column as he talks about his desire to just hit the open road while he is young and has the chance.

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Jeffrey Muzzy informs Campus Voice readers on the history of Halloween. Read on to find out about the dark roots of a beloved children's holiday.

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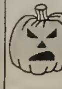

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A date auction, sponsored by the radio station WSKB and CAB, will be held on Thurs.., Nov. 15, said LaPierre.

STUDENT LIFE

Vice President of Student Life, Brent Fisher, said, "In recent health and safety checks, in the apartments, there has been numerous amounts of upholstered furniture found." Upholstered furniture is illegal. Even if the furniture is fire retardant material, it is not allowed, Fisher said. Residential Life is in the process of drafting a letter to inform students they must remove the furniture.

OPEN POSITIONS AND CLUB INFORMATION

Shane Eldredge, SGA president, said, "Currently we are in search of two more 'All College Reps.' " Any one that is interested can call Barbara Hand, SGA advisor, at x5429. These offices need to be filled in a relatively short amount of time because student governance committees will be meeting in a few weeks, Eldredge said.

SGA Parliamentarian Gary Muddiman, said he needs all club constitutions for review. "There will be memos going out to all of the clubs whose constitutions have not been handed in, saying that funding will be held up until they are turned in," he said.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

The Commuter Council will be holding a "Most Active Commuter Contest." Lauren Stearley, commuter council secretary, said it is for the commuter that attends the most events starting with the Trick-or-Treat being held on Oct. 31 in Ely 147. Possible prizes for the winner include free parking decals, gas certificates and car wash coupons."

Senate voted unanimously to open new business at the end of the meeting. LaPierre said, Oct 22 was Hand's birthday. On the count of three the entire Senate sang "Happy Birthday" to Hand.

Contracts

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Hoagland, Associate Professor of Biology, said. "I truly believe that in the Board of Higher Education, the majority of elected officials and the majority of public college and university administrators believe the word 'public' in public education should be replaced by private," Hoagland said.

"Consequently, the delay is just one more step down the path of eliminating public higher education in Massachusetts," Hoagland said.

"We are going to uphold our side of the contract, even if legislature doesn't hold up their side," Art said.

This means that committees like the governance committees will still take place even though the contract situation has not been settled, Art said.

Professor George Layng of the English Department said the contract delay has to do with finance numbers and politics. "Usually money and politics aren't separated. The legislature has approved the contract. We are just waiting for the funding," Layng said.

Art said he is disappointed the state was willing to come to an agreement but isn't going to honor that agreement. "I don't understand what the hold up is," said Art.

It is a state law that the faculty uphold their side of the agreement, even if they don't receive the money, Art said.

"We have to abide by our side. It is terribly immoral that the state holds us to our half of the agreement but doesn't hold up to their half," Art said.

President Frederick Woodward said, "The leadership of this college and others, is working very hard to be sure all contracts are funded in the budget. We need to be aware that it is likely some budget reductions will take place. This does not mean contracts will not be funded."

Layng said he is hoping the contract conflict will be resolved soon. The faculty is making plans to get on with business as usual, he said.

"This has been a long fight that everyone wants to be resolved," Layng said.

"The governor and legislature need to take action," said Layng. "It is easy for them to say that they care but actions speak louder than words and the faculty is still waiting for actions, not words."

The faculty is working on what type of action should be taken, Art said. But strikes are not an option because they are illegal and the faculty would lose their jobs, Art explained.

"The state dictates the terms we have to follow and we have to live with these terms," Art said. "But, they don't have to live with the terms they dictate."

"We are receiving a lot of suggestions from people on campus," Art said on how faculty should take action.

WSC President Frederick Woodward could help the faculty by paying them the money that is owed in their contract, Art said.

Woodward can use the resources they have to pay the faculty, Art said. "If the college gives the money to the faculty, then the state would reimburse the college," Art explained.

The downfall to this money exchange is that if the state does not reimburse the college, students' tuition will raise. "The tuition could go up possibly $1,000," said Art.

"The ideal situation is for the faculty to get their money and for the students not to be burdened by it," Art said.

A tactic that could be taken to get the state is to pressure the governor and the legislature, Layng said. "Also, get parents and Massachusetts residents to call their legislature to ask for support," Layng said.

"It is powerful for people all over the state to contact their legislature," said Layng. "There are eight other colleges in the state that can contact their legislature."

"I just can't wait until this is over. It's been a long haul and I am looking forward to finding out what Westfield State is like without a contract dispute," Layng said.

Debate

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audience, Madigan said, "Nobody seems to be able to follow the 15 second question and answer rule." Both candidates had a little trouble limiting their discussion to only 15- 20 seconds.

Brian Zelasko, adjunct professor of communications at WSC and a member of the Board of Directors for the Valley Press Club, offered the opportunity to attend the highly selective, invitation only Mayoral Debate to a maximum of five WSC students.

Interested students had to write a one paragraph explanation of the reason he or she wanted to attend. He or she also had to find out which politician made the infamous quote, "Depends on what our definition of 'is' is?" I happened to be the only student who wrote him.

From the Editor's Desk

Where do we go from here?

I was watching a group of high school seniors and their parents walking around campus the other day on one of WSC's "Wednesday's at Westfield." As they followed their fearless tour guide with their view books and information packets carefully tucked under their arms, I began to reminisce about my senior year in high school; sending out college applications then preparing for a big change that would soon take place. I started to thinking about what it must feel like to be a high school senior compared to being a college senior.

In some ways, it can be scarier graduating from high school. They'll be leaving home for the first time and friends they've known for years. College seniors often return home after graduation or move in with friends from home or college. But, either way, there is a comfort level that wasn't there four years ago.

On the other hand, college seniors face the scarier prospect of getting a job and supporting themselves. Often times, high school seniors don't have to face that prospect. Parents will be helping them out for the next four years.

My own personal situation is more of a combination of the two. I'm planning on attending graduate school, so I won't be entering the new world of employment. At the same time, I will be supporting myself and may be moving farther away. Westfield State is an hour away from my home, so I didn't go too far away to college. Now I'm looking into different areas, such as Washington D.C., Virginia or California.

A new fear has entered this process. And I wonder if many seniors, either high school or college, also have this fear. While I was talking to my advisor, I mentioned I was looking at schools in the D.C. area. But, while all these terrorist attacks are happening, I'm wondering if I should really move there. The area still appeals to me, but I'm wondering if I should go somewhere that may be a safer choice.

I wonder if others are changing their minds about plans to live somewhere, work somewhere or go to school somewhere as well. The occurrences of the past month could have made people change their minds and decide to live life and take chances. They realize they only have one life to live and want to try new things. Or people have changed their mind and thought twice about moving to a big city or working in a politician's office or a big newsroom. People could have also completely changed their minds about what they want to do in life and could now be pursuing an entirely different career. Many have expressed thoughts of making a career move to work in the civil service field or to serve their country.

No matter what type of change and decisions people are now faced with, I think many young people at the crossroads in their lives are now looking at it with a new perspective. So the question is, do we do what we originally planned? Do we follow a new plan, either out of concern for safety or out of a decision to seize life by the moment? I'm not sure what the answer is. The answer will be different for each individual, and as of this moment, no one is positive how the situation will turn out. Everyone will come to a decision about their future, but our decisions will now be affected by circumstances we never thought would be there.

Laura Cyr
Editor-In-Chief

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Campus Briefs

Experience!! Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center

The Mashantucket Pequot Museum - a new, state-of-the-art complex utilizing the latest in exhibit design and technology - presents multi-sensory dioramas and exhibits of eastern woodland and Mashantucket Pequot life. The Museum serves as a major resource on the history of the Tribe, the histories and cultures of other tribes and the region's natural history. Films, videos, interactive programs, archival materials.
archaeological collections, commissioned works of art and traditional crafts by Native artisans are featured in the exhibits. Visit their website at www.mashantucket.com.

The trip will take place on Wednesday,November 14,2001. The bus will leave from in front of Scanlon Hall at 10:00 a.m. and return to WSC by 4:30 p.m. The cost of the trip is $14.00-Administrators/Faculty/Staff.
$7.00 - Students (with College I.D.) and children ages 6-15.

Full hot lunches are available for $5.00 - $10.00 at the museum. Sign up at the Service Window in the Campus Center and in the Lobby of '333'.

Deadline to sign-up is November 14 . For questions, call extension x5661.

Study Abroad Program Looks Toward Another Semester

If you go to Professor Psychas' office at C- 160 in Wilson hall, you will find his door pasted with information on studying abroad. If you go in, you'll find decorations reminiscent of other countries, information on traveling and foreign universities, and a professor eager for you to see the world.

The Study Abroad Program held its once- a- semester informational meeting on October 3rd in Wilson Auditorium C. The meeting was a chance for interested students to find out what the program was all about, and how they could apply to study abroad.

At the meeting Professor Psychas eased students' doubts, and encouraged them to try something new. One student, Rick Haglund, a senior, was there to find out about schools in Australia, because "it just seems like the chance of a lifetime."

Students were told that Westfield actually does not have its own study abroad program; instead, the school belongs to an organization called CCIS, or, the College Consortium of International Studies. There are 36 schools in this organization to choose from, however students are not limited to these schools.

Right now there are thirteen students abroad, in four different countries. The number of students going abroad has increased in recent years, according to Psychas. "I anticipated questions, saying that students could use their financial aid towards Study Abroad.

Later, when asked about the meeting he said he thought it went really good, and he was pleased with the turnout of about 50 students. "All I need to do is get the seed in their head."

However, Psychas admitted that the program was not for everyone, saying that it can break up your college experience here and affect friendships. However, he said that students could come back with a better outlook on the world.

Psychas is retiring this semester, and after over thirty years of being involved in the Study Abroad program, someone else will be taking over. Psychas has no doubt that there are qualified people to do the job. "With me it was a passion, I was almost like a salesman, I was trying to sell it to you," said Psychas, and he does.

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The regional contest will take place on November 3 in Wilson Hall from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Students from colleges and universities throughout Canada, New England, and New York City will be in the competition. Teams of three students in addition to a student or faculty member coach will race to solve six to eight real world programming challenges within five hours. The team that solves the most problems correctly in the least amount of time will head to Honolulu for the World Finals in March.

Playrights Come to Westfield State College

Equalogy Inc. presents "One Night," an interactive play about acquaintance rape. "One Night" will be performed on Monday, November 5 at 7 p.m. in Scanlon Banquet Hall.

"One Night" is an original theatre program, featuring four professional actors in a powerful story about rape among friends. One night, they get together to celebrate the end of classes, drinking beer, joking around and having fun. What happens behind closed doors later that night throws each character into an unexpectedly intense situation that will change their friendships forever. At critical points in the plot, the actors will stop the action and remain in character while audience members ask them questions to find out more about what really happened, as well as to uncover each character's motives, feelings, opinions and plans.

For more information, please call x5790. Sponsored by WSC Counseling Center.

Halloween

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the girls when asked to comment on their win. "We just did it to have fun. We brought our pack too!" as they all pointed to the large pieces of cardboard in the corner of the room. The girls also won a $50 gift certificate to the Holyoke Mall.

The evening's devil and angel won Best Couple, receiving a gift certificate to Northampton for a night out on the town.

The devil, also known as Jim Darlington (class of 2002) said in response to his win, "It's cool… yet warm at the same time." The angel, junior Danielle Bowen, said, "I didn't expect to win at all. There's a lot of good costumes here."

Freshman Class President Nicki Becker thought the event was a success. "It was a lot of fun and there were a lot of great costumes out there," Becker said. "I expected a bigger turnout but it was a good time." Becker, being the class president, was also the co-sponsor of the event and helped the junior class.

Shawn LaHair, rep to senate for the class of 2005, said, "This dance is a great way for everyone to dress up, have fun and take your mind off the academic pressures of midterms."

Jen Prior, class president for 2005 and co-sponsor of the dance, said she was pleased with the night. "I think it turned out well. It got people out on a Thursday night. I think everyone's having a good time and it's also a great fundraiser for our class."

Students all had a good time throughout the night, thinking it was a good way for everyone to take their mind off of stress and just relax.

"It's a good way to get our mind off midterms," said freshman music education major Ryan Aldrich. Aldrich also wanted to add, "I'm a class historian too!"

Zorro, otherwise known as Mike Panza of the sophomore class, said, "Costumes are good. The wildebeest was the best. I've never seen anything like that before. I would have liked to see more variety in the music but that's my only complaint. And it is quite nicely decorated!"

Junior Jay Lanzillo thought the masquerade was a great alternative for students.

"I think it's great that people can come here and not have to do the usual partying thing. I'm also surprised at how many people actually dressed up for this. I figured that kids would just show up and dance but not get dressed up."

Lanzillo continued, "I'm dressed like a light switch, but not just any ordinary light switch. I'm a smurf light switch. It's the best costume ever!" (Let the record show that Jay was actually wearing a white t-shirt and jeans.)

The cost of the evening was $5 with a canned good and $7 without.

Voice of The Week

Tiffany Boykin

POSITION AT WSC: ISO, Director of Unity Affair, involved with Men Against Rape and Sexual Assault

HOMETOWN: Brooklyn, NY

YEARS AT WSC: Three

FAMILY: Husband, 2 sons, Jagade and Stephen

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: Interaction with students

LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: Wish there was more unity on campus

HOBBIES: Spending time with family, arts and crafts

FAVORITE FOOD: Nana's home cooking

PERSON YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: Aaliyah

BEST DAY OF LIFE: The day my son, Jagade, was born

FAVORITE QUOTE: "The beauty of a woman lies in the strength of a good mind." -Unknown

HOW DID YOU THINK THE UNITY FAIR TURNED OUT?: It was a great success. About 250 people came and we raised about $500. T-shirts are still on sale for $10. All proceeds are going to breast cancer.

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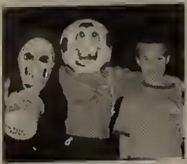
What is your favorite kind of candy? Voices Overheard was asked to trick or treating children at Courtney Hall's Big Scream.



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STEFHANIE
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"REESE'S PIECES BECAUSE I LOVE PEANUT BUTTER."

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CLASS OF 2014

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Voices Overheard compiled by Tom Perron

South Hadley guitarist creates book of Andrés Segovia arrangements

BY PUBLIC AFFAIRS
SPECIAL TO THE VOICE

The late guitar master Andrés Segovia had some kind words for his pupil Phillip de Fremery of South Hadley and Segovia's widow had enough faith in de Fremery to allow him to create a book of Segovia's arrangements.

Emilia Segovia, the Marquesa de Salobreña, understood that the arrangements had been recorded, but had never been written down. She gave de Fremery the task of transcribing the recordings into sheet music.

"It amounted to five years of work," de Fremery said. "I had to not only know the notes, I had to identify which strings they were played on. Notes can be played in various ways on a guitar."

The result was a book of 56 pieces covering 500 years of music. Titled, Andrés Segovia: Transcripciones, the book was published in Italy by Edizioni Musicali Berben. The newly released book will be available for around $50 at the Amherst Music House in November or early December, when a book signing will be scheduled, de Fremery said.

"Segovia didn't spend much time as a composer, but he spent considerable time as an arranger," de Fremery said. "That was really what the guitar needed — to have good music adapted for it."

A successful concert guitarist in his own right, de Fremery is an adjunct professor of music at Westfield State, Amherst, Mount Holyoke, Hampshire, Smith and Holyoke Community colleges, as well as the University of Massachusetts. He also teaches at the Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter High School.

A veteran of more than 750 concerts throughout the United States and Canada, de Fremery is in the process of recording a compact disc, Music of the Spanish and Latin American Heritages, for Coastways Music. He graduated from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music in 1970, and has also both taught and studied at numerous master classes.

Two of his master classes were with Segovia, at North Carolina School of Arts in 1966 and in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, in 1968. It was there that a mutual respect was established between the two guitarists and Segovia offered his praise.

"It was a hilarious situation in retrospect," de Fremery said. "I had just finished playing and was looking down and adjusting my guitar. Segovia started speaking in Spanish, which I didn't understand. He kept speaking and it seemed he went on for three or four minutes. When he stopped, I looked up. And at that moment I realized he was speaking to me. And he realized that I didn't understand what he was saying."

"I later got a translation of what Segovia said and learned that it was unusual for him to speak at length during his master classes," he said.

"Segovia was very inspiring to be around," de Fremery said. "You always learned the most when you were watching him play. But, of course, it was exciting beyond belief to play for him."

Segovia died in 1987 at the age of 94. He is considered the father of the modern classical guitar movement, having dedicated his life to elevating the guitar to a prominent position in classical music.

Transcripciones is the third in a series of books on Segovia's music. Eliot Fisk, a major internationally known guitarist, was responsible for the creation of the first two volumes, since he had discovered the manuscripts in Segovia's personal papers. They include Segovia's folk song arrangements and his etudes and preludes. Fisk also made recordings of the folk song arrangements.

It was Fisk's suggestion that de Fremery work on the transcriptions book. Fisk was de Fremery's student at the Aspen (Colo.) Music Festival, wbere de Fremery taught in the early 1970s. When Fisk was a student at Yale University, he also came up to South Hadley to study with de Fremery.

The Marquesa also remembered de Fremery. "When I played for Segovia, she was sitting right between us," de Fremery said.

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-NOISE COMPLAINT,VERBAL WARNING: DICKINSON

-MEDICAL TRANSPORT, ASTHMA ATTACK TRANSPORT TO NOBLE: HEALTH SERVICES

-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION, ALCOHOL CONFISCATION, JUDICIAL REFERRAL: LAMMERS

-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION, ALCOHOL CONFISCATION, JUDICIAL REFERRAL: APARTMENTS

-HARASSMENT, HARASSING E-MAIL: LAMMERS

-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION, ALCOHOL CONFISCATION, JUDICIAL REFERRAL: DAVIS

10/11/01-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION, ALCOHOL CONFISCATION, JUDICIAL REFERRAL: DICKINSON

-DISTURBANCE, VERBAL WARNING: COURTNEY

-BANNED STUDENT: SCANLON

-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION, ALCOHOL CONFISCATION, JUDICIAL REFERRAL: COURTNEY

-MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION, LOUNGE TABLE: DICKINSON

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-SUSPICIOUS PERSON, UNFOUNDED: COURTNEY

-SICK PERSON, TRANSPORT TO NOBLE HOSPITAL: DAVIS

-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION, ALCOHOL CONFISCATION, JUDICIAL REFERRAL: DAVIS

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-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION, ALCOHOL CONFISCATION, JUDICIAL REFERRAL: LAMMERS

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Embryo Found in Dinosaur Egg

The Washington Post

A North Carolina State University graduate student has discovered the nearly hatched remains of a dinosaur embryo inside an egg found 30 years ago by three high school students in Alabama.

Scientists at the time were unable to figure out what was inside the egg, and it languished at Auburn University until North Carolina State's James Lamb borrowed it for a research project and noticed three tiny leg bones through an aperture that had been cut in the egg.

Using a technique called computed tomography, he scanned the egg and found that it contained fossilized yolk as well as the remains of what he described as the 83-million-year-old embryo of a Lophorhothon, a duck-billed dinosaur that lived in prehistoric Alabama.

Discussing his findings at the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology early this month, Lamb suggested the egg yolk may provide new insights into the ancient creature's diet: "We know this guy was a vegetarian," Lamb said. "But it's possible that isotopes will tell us if his mother ate ferns, conifers or hardwood vegetation."

8 New 'Second Cousins' for Earth

The Washington Post

Astronomers have discovered eight new planets circling nearby stars, including three Jupiter-sized ones with circular orbits similar to those of the Earth and Mars in our own solar system.

A report from Britain's Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council described the planets as "second cousins" to Earth. The discoveries brought to 74 the number of "extra-solar" planets those found outside our solar system. The first was discovered by a Swiss team in 1995.

The newest finds were made by astronomers from Britain, the United States and Belgium using telescopes in Australia, Hawaii and California. The project intends to examine the nearest 1,200 stars in search of solar system analogues and determine whether they are common or rare. Planets are detected hy measuring whether stars "wobble" as the gravity of orbiting planets tugs on them.

Most extra-solar planets heretofore discovered have eccentric orbits that bear little kinship to the solar system. The new findings include three Jupiter-size planets orbiting star HD23079 about 113 light-years from our sun in solar system-like circles.

Scam strips poor latinos of savings

NURITH C. AIZENMAN
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON - One by one, Senora Guadalupe's clients gathered on her doorstep in the drenching afternoon downpour. They did not meet each other's eyes.

Though strangers to one another, they shared a terrible secret: All were Latino immigrants with little money to spare, and all had been warned by Guadalupe that they faced a deadly curse that could he lifted only if they brought her a large bundle of cash. She would use it in a purification ritual, the ebony-haired fortuneteller had promised, then return it in some cases doubled on this, the appointed day.

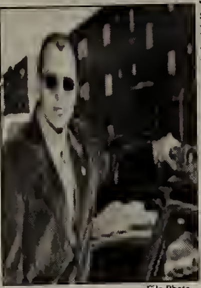
Guadalupe had backed up her predictions with persuasive evidence. She had prayed in a mysterious foreign tongue and read her customers' deepest secrets in her tarot cards. She had "discovered" the hexes plaguing them by rolling an egg over their bodies and then cracking it open to reveal blood and worms. One woman, a Salvadoran cook, handed over $2,300. A Guatemalan landscaper gave about $25,000 most of it borrowed.

Now they and the small crowd of others were ready to retrieve their money and their peace of mind.

But Guadalupe did not answer the door that July evening. Nor the next morning, when the group gathered again in front of her modest semi-detached brick home on a quiet street in Langley Park Md. Finally, the landscaper peeked into the living room window and gasped in horror. Guadalupe's furniture was gone.

Over the ensuing weeks, seven of Guadalupe's victims filed reports with Prince George's County, Md., police claiming a total of more than $40,000 in losses. They also named six other victims who have yet to come forward. Police say they have little hope of finding Guadalupe, a tall, heavyset woman in her mid-thirties who signed the lease for the house in June, under the name Ana Ibarra, along with Jose Ibarra, Carolina Ibarra and Manuel Perez.

Yet her victims continue to search for her trading tips almost daily and calling every fortuneteller they can find in the hope that Guadalupe may still he working the area under a different name.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There are few other leads, beyond the fact that Guadalupe and her roommates spoke an unrecognizable language in addition to fluent Spanish.

Gaudalupe's swindle is "a classic" of the genre, said Tony Zavosky, a retired detective who investigated a spate of similar cases in the early 1990s while with the D.C. police's check and fraud unit. "Sometimes they'll use an egg, sometimes a tomato it's sleight of hand," he said.

The scam has ensnared countless people in this country. But the Latino residents of this working-class suburb in Prince George's County proved a particularly vulnerable target. For if there is one quality that con victims share, it is their power of imagination their ability to conceive of disaster or fantastic success in defiance of common sense.

And although the residents of Langley Park are some of the area's hardest workers, they also are some of its most ardent dreamers. Many have left everything behind in pursuit of a vision of prosperity only slightly more probable than Senora Guadalupe's prophesies.

She promised help with everything from love problems to alcholism to sexual impotency in the Spanish leaflets she distributed in Langley Park's apartment complexes.

It was the reference to muscular pain that caught the canning factory worker's eye. A tiny, gaunt woman of 46, she said she had developed chronic back and leg aches from years spent peeling vegetables in a refrigerated room. On Guadalupe's orders, she brought her $2,500 wrapped in a pair of underwear "without sin" the fortuneteller's term for new.

The 39-year-old Salvadoran cook hoped that Guadalupe would cure her insomnia. Anxious about the declining number of customers at the "restaurant" she runs out of her living room and concerned about the welfare of the young sons she had left in El Salvador, the cook rarely got a good night's sleep.

A staunch Catholic, she said she would not have turned to a psychic's help back in El Salvador. "But I thought, here in the United States, the treatments are more advanced. Maybe this will work," she said.

Like Guadalupe's other victims, the cook and the canner are too ashamed to tell their families that they were swindled, and they spoke on condition of anonymity. Carlos Moreta, Latino liaison for Prince George's police, and Marcos Rodriguez, the investigator on the case, confirmed the details of their accounts and others.'

Moreta arranged for them to make their reports and even wrote out the canner's statement for her because she has difficulty spelling. It was a depressing tale, Moreta said, but it seemed not to have shaken her faith in the spirit world. "When she was done, she looked up and asked if I had a newspaper so she could check her horoscope," he recalled with a grim laugh.

Many of the victims are illegal immigrants who would have been disinclined to go to the police if not for the encouragement of Guadalupe's Latino neighbors, who happened upon them just as they saw that the fortuneteller was gone.

"One woman was sobbing. Another man kept kicking the ground and screaming that he wanted to find Guadalupe and kill her," recalled Monica Ramirez, a housecleaner who lives across the street. "Then there was a man who was so overcome he couldn't speak."

Ramirez and other neighbors offered the victims juice and sympathy. Still, Ramirez said, she could not help chiding them for being so gullible.

"I asked them, 'Did (Guadalupe) have an altar?' And they said no," Ramirez recalled with a roll of her eyes. "Well, everybody knows that real fortunetellers always have an altar!"

Businesses fret as schools cancel trips to Washington

KIRSTEN DOWNEY
THE WASHINGTON POST

School officials and parents across the country are coming to the same conclusion: Field trips to Washington are too dangerous right now. Some are even reconsidering trips planned for 2002 and 2003.

"Cancellations are all over the place: Wisconsin, California, New Jersey, everywhere," said Hal Seamon, deputy executive director of the National School Board Association. "The greatest concern is in the (school) districts that were closest to the attacks. Now with the anthrax scares, it just has everyone on edge."

Although many schools were quick to cancel international travel after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, they soon began curbing domestic overnight travel as well.

The local tourism industry was hopeful that business would rebound quickly after cancellations in September and October, but now they have indications that school officials' initial fears may turn to prolonged caution. School districts that are taking a wait-and-see approach have stalled fund-raising drives and delayed making deposits on hotel and travel accommodations.

The growing wave of school-trip cancellations and postponements poses a danger to the Washington area tourism industry, which banks on the perennial appeal of a trip to Congress, the White House and the Supreme Court to see how the government operates.

"It sends a very negative message to America's children that for some unknown reason, our nation's capital is unsafe," said Bill Hanbury, president of the Washington Convention and Tourism Corp.

"We encourage school districts not to make hasty decisions," said Michael Palmer, executive director of the Michigan-based Student and Youth Travel Association of North America. "They are restricting the (educational) opportunities these kids might have."

Bill Hanbury, president of the Washington Convention and Tourism Corp., said the cancellations are an overreaction. His group is contacting school boards and parent-teacher associations to ask them to change their minds.

"It sends a very negative message to America's children that for some unknown reason, our nation's capital is unsafe," Hanbury said. "That's not a message we want resonating through the country."

Some school officials said they are limiting trips because they fear for students' safety and the school district's liability if children are injured or killed in another terrorist attack.

"Safety is number one, and getting to go to D.C. would be second to that," said Ted Gerber, principal of Dover Middle School in Dover, Ohio, which has brought a student group to the nation's capital each spring for the last 22 years. His district has approved a teachers meeting in Washington next weekend but has put off until January the decision about whether to cancel the annual eighth-grade trip in the spring.

Gerber said the students might be sent in spring 2003 instead. Traditionally, school trips planned for the spring are finalized in the fall.

A week-long spring trip to Washington is part of the eighth-grade curriculum at the East Bay French-American School in Berkeley, Calif., where administrators are now weighing the popular field trip against safety concerns.

"If we had a trip planned for now, we of course wouldn't go," school head Andree McGiffin said. "It would be silly. No schools are doing trips under this climate."

Barefoot biologists hunt anacondas

Scott Moore
The Washington Post

Jesus A. Rivas grew up in Venezuela with a passion for reptiles. Now 37, he still loves to slog through the mud of his homeland looking for anacondas. With his bare feet.

Rivas, a biologist who appears on National Geographic's ``Explorer" show, has kicked up some 500 of the South American snakes and wrestled them into containers. The snakes are weighed and measured for research purposes, then released back into the wild.

Rivas admits that working with anacondas gives him an adrenaline rush. It also makes him feel like a kid.

But, he warns, tangling with snakes is not kid stuff. Especially a 12-foot, 200-pound anaconda that wraps itself around its prey and squeezes it to death. ``Wait till you're a grown-up to act like a kid. Kids are supposed to act like adults," he said. ``Anacondas are serious business. You shouldn't play with them."

Rivas began searching out anacondas in 1992, studying where they live, what they eat and other behaviors. (In his spare time, he also tangles with crocodiles.) Early on in his anaconda searches, he wore shoes _ boots are too heavy when wet. Then he found the benefits of going barefoot, even in marshlands filled with piranhas, stingrays and electric eels.

``I feel much more comfortable," he said. ``Why have shoes to worry about?"

As soon as his size 11 1/2 feet feel the smooth scales of an anaconda, Rivas readies for a battle in which technique is as important as strength. As proof, Rivas points out that his wife, biologist Renee Owens, also captures anacondas. And she is 5 feet 3, 100 pounds and often barefoot in the swamp.

By touching the skin, Rivas can tell which direction to go to find the snake's head. ``You'll never be stronger than an anaconda," he said. By grabbing the head, ``all my efforts are to prevent it from making a loop."
That is, a loop around his body.

The struggle often goes on for 10-15 minutes before ``the animal gets tired and gives up," he said.

Occasionally, Rivas gets tired. ``Renee knows when I'm laughing I need help," he admitted.

On a really good day, Rivas might capture more than 30 anacondas before he's ready to head home. And put his feet up.

Despite legal ban, slavery persists in Mauritania

DOUGLAS FARAH
THE WASHINGTON POST

NOUAKCHOTT, Mauritania - When Mohamed's family was freed from slavery several years ago, he and his brother moved to neighboring Senegal, found work and saved a small nest egg to start a business.

But when they returned home to Mauritania, their former master tracked them down and demanded everything they had saved.

``He told us that all we had was still his, and made us hand over everything we had earned," said Mohamed, who asked that his full name not be used for fear of retaliation. ``After all, he is still the master, even if we are supposed to be free."

Slavery, which took bold centuries ago in this West African desert nation of 2.7 million people, was outlawed only in 1980, making the country one of the last in the world to ban the practice.

But anti-slavery activists, human rights workers and diplomats said that while the number of slaves held in Mauritania has declined sharply since then, the practice continues.

A major problem, the sources said, is that the law outlawing slavery says that slaves can be freed only if their master receives ``compensation."

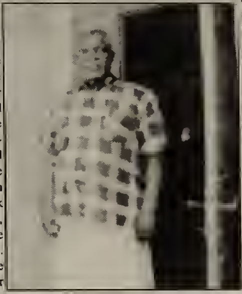
``Compensation means a master can say, 'You can go, but only with the clothes on your back, because everything else belongs to me,' " said Boubacar Messaoud, a former slave and director of SOS Slaves, an organization that helps newly escaped or freed slaves adjust to freedom.

``Because of that, many people stay with their masters even if they can leave, because they have no education, no food, no shelter, no alternatives. Freedom means they are free to die of hunger."

Even freed slaves such as Mohamed often remain beholden to their former masters because slavery is so deeply ingrained in a society that remains stratified by race and caste.

``You do not see people in chains here, you do not see people beaten like you think of when you think of slavery in the United States," Messaoud said. ``That is one phase of slavery. If your father is a slave, and his father and his father for many generations, you believe you are a slave, the chains are here," he said, pointing to his head.

Traditionally, Mauritania's lighter-skinned Beydane Moors, descendents of Arab warriors and scholars, were at the top of the social order and owned slaves. The darker-skinned Haratine Moors, often black Africans, were at the bottom. Today, the social order remains much the same, with the Beydane Moors dominating the country's political and economic life, while the Haratine do the menial labor.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Senior officials in the government of President Maouya Sidi Ahmed Taya, who has held power since 1984, denied that slavery still exists in Mauritania. They said reports of continuing slavery were aimed at tarnishing the image of Mauritania, one of the few Muslim countries to recognize Israel and maintain close ties to the United States.

Anti-slavery activists estimate the number of slaves has dropped from tens of thousands to a few thousand since slavery was outlawed. They say the decline has more to do with the forces of nature and the country's changing economy than to a conviction that the practice is wrong. Slave-holding has become economically untenable.

When Mauritania gained independence from France in 1960, about 85 percent of the population was nomadic, living in the desert, while only 15 percent lived in towns. Today, that figure has been reversed, largely because a decade of drought beginning in the late 1970s killed most of the camel and cattle herds that sustained the nomadic way of life. This coastal capital is now ringed by mud-walled shanty towns, where many of the former nomads live in squalor.

Mohamed, who is in his 40s, lives there and guesses his family was freed in the mid-1980s, when flocks and herds were decimated.

Despite the slow pace of change, there is evidence of an evolving society.

One of the most visible signs is the Action for Change political party, made up largely of former slaves, which fielded candidates for the first time in Friday's parliamentary elections. Results are expected next week.

The party's platform has a section on slavery, which it says ``still exists and is manifest in all its forms in our country." It ``condemns the government for its silence and complicity in this phenomenon."

``We are mostly slaves and ex-slaves, as you can tell by looking at us, because we are black," said Ibrahima Sarr, the party's deputy secretary general. ``After all this time, blacks are still not really present in national life. We are trying to change that, but we don't know what the result will be."

The elections were another sign of change. For the first time since independence, a broad range of opposition parties participated.

Taya, an army colonel, seized power in a 1984 coup and was elected as a civilian in 1992. He has little tolerance for dissent, according to diplomats and political activists. In the late 1980s, according to published accounts at the time, Taya launched a campaign against the mainly black southern part of the country, dismissing army officers and government officials from there and cracking down on political unrest urging more rights for blacks. Events culminated in 1989 with a massive deportation of blacks to Senegal.

Messaoud receives a constant stream of visitors imploring him for help at his modest house. ``People ask us how many slaves there are, and we have to say we do not know, because slavery is more hidden now," he said. ``But we can say there are many, and if it was just one, it would be too many."

Many who come, he said, are women who are forced to leave their children behind as the property of their former owner. He said courts have recently ordered some children returned to their mothers, if the children can be found.

``People who are enslaved need other people to show them the path out, to help them understand they have rights, they cannot be owned," said Messaoud. ``It is a complete change of mentality, and psychological slavery persists. That is perhaps our biggest challenge now."

Terror fallout punishes Canadian economy

DENEEN L. BROWN
THE WASHINGTON POST

NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario- Canada's economy was struggling well before Sept. 11, but economists now warn the attacks on the United States have increased the likelihood of a recession. Their only question is how long it will last.

In the weeks following the attack, the Canadian dollar plunged to a record low of 63.34 U.S. cents, and consumer confidence fell. Automotive and lumber plants shut down, hotels let workers go and Air Canada laid off 5,000 people. Economists say more bad news may be coming as new delays at the 4,000-mile border between the United States and Canada have hurt exports.

``A large part of the Canadian economy is connected to the United States market either directly or indirectly, so any business that has shipments going across the border in either direction is obviously being affected," said David Stewart-Patterson, senior vice president of the Business Council on National Issues.

Canada Customs and Revenue reports no delays at most border crossings. But at others, heightened security, including random checks, has slowed the movement of truckers. At some points, delays can last several hours, and truckers without the right paperwork can be turned away.

``It's tying up people's freight at the border. Money is idling," said Darrel LaPoint, a truck driver who was sitting in a commercial vehicle processing center on the Peace Bridge between Erie, Ontario, and Buffalo, N.Y. ``One day I spent 13 hours because they closed the border. If they close the border, you can get here and there will be a thousand trucks backed up. I get paid when I'm driving. I don't get paid to sit at the border."

LaPoint, who was delivering boxes of french fries to Burger King, said one inspector climbed into his refrigerated truck, where the temperature was 15 degrees below zero, crawled to the front of the stack of boxes and poked a hole in a couple of them to look inside. ``It can be a real hassle if you don't have the paperwork," he said.

Other truckers said they don't mind the wait. ``I think it's necessary to protect the country," said Kendrick Hull, who has been driving since 1991. ``We are dealing with evil like no other enemy we fought before. I'll lose money if I have to idle the truck, but they have to protect the country."

Fluid movement at the Canada-U.S. border has been essential for trade, especially since the North American Free Trade Agreement went into effect in 1994. Canada is the United States' largest trading partner. More than $1 billion in goods move across the border each day and 200 million people cross the border each year.

But as the U.S. economy slides, the volume of traffic coming into or going out of Canada has dropped. Canadian manufacturing production has fallen 5 percent since January. ``This is certainly going to deepen that recession," said Jayson Myers, senior vice president and chief economist for the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters Association.

Canadian officials are trying to decide how to increase border security without creating longer traffic lines. Business leaders are calling for the governments to ``pre-clear" shipments that do not pose a security threat somewhere before the border. They say the lives of businesses depend on it.

``There are literally and I'm not overstating this there are literally millions of jobs dependent upon this bilateral trading relationship continuing to be strong and healthy," said Michael Hurst, the mayor of Windsor, Ontario, across from Detroit. ``We can't sacrifice that. There has to be security, there's no question about that, but there has to be lots of focus and lots of attention on the issue of economic security in both Canada and the United States."

Dozens of Canadian companies have warned that they expect to lose money. More than 100,000 workers have been laid off in the airline, aerospace and auto-manufacturing industries since Sept. 11.

High-tech businesses have been hurt as a result of a downturn in spending on technology. Nortel Networks Corp., one of Canada's largest employers, has laid off about 50,000 workers. And Montreal-based Quebecor World Inc., the world's largest printing company, closed plants and announced it would cut 2,400 jobs.

The Cut

Westfield's newest hope for a downtown worth visiting sits next door to Performance Music on Elm Street. It's called Jester's Coffee House and Deli and the owner of both businesses is Greg Garstka. Jester's was envisioned as a haven and showcase for local talent with decent coffee. Live music is the mainstay, although there are opportunities such as a weekly cuffeehouse to perform in any manner that you may choose including ritual human sacrifice. It was there that I caught up with Greg to find out what it takes to open an artist's haven among the mullets.

CHRIS WARD

Greg said that this is not primarily intended as a money-making venture. The space where Jester's opened last June was previously used as a stage for students of his music school (he is, himself, an accomplished musician) to jam, when circumstance intersected opportunity. His music store has been open since '95 and it was from there that he expanded.

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In a small business zone rife with storefronts where plywood has replaced plateglass, Greg attributed his success to a local culture that just may warm to the idea of a place like Jester's. A key component of that culture, he added, is the college crowd, although the majority of the crowd that night was kung-fu fighting... no, I mean to say they were locals aged 15 to 50.

Okay here's the dope...this place has no age limit (no alcohol) and live music three nights a week. Bands play Friday and Saturday is an open Jazz/Blues night. Hang on, I lost some of you back at the "no alcohol" thing... The deal is that the coffeehouse ends at ten (Fri. and Sat. at eleven) so you can still get back in time to pre-game for Thursday night or just walk to Davio's. It also isn't connected to Hippodrome in any way, so feel free to dress comfortably and actually relate to people. Now get out of the dorms, already! (in a yiddish accent)

Yes, life is subtly beginning to pass me by. I'll end with a partial (believe me) list of things that I don't care to understand: Women who pierce their nipples, men who pierce their nipples, hetero men who pluck their eyebrows (excluding monobrow maintenance), shoes you can't walk in, the appeal of those frumpy knee-length sweaters, guys sporting the surfer look in Westfield in October, continued demand for Monostat 7 when there's Monotats 3 AND 1 (those commercials should be limited to Lifetime network), commercials for phone service that include a number to dial, drive-through ATM machines with brail codes, the aviation courses in our course catalogue that haven't actually been offered since zeppelins were the way to go, why three glasses of wine a day aren't three times as healthy, why Miss Cleo doesn't know to call me when I think real hard, how Kevin Heaton proposes to solve any problem "defensively," when the free butts from Meeko will run out, and how Hillary thought she was going to appear at the Tribute to New York, before thousands of real Americans, and not get her ass booed. God bless our Armed Forces and girls who show up at 4 a.m. empty-handed.

Peace and Balance.

C. Ward is a Voice columnist

Kevin's Korner

The New York Times recently reported that the UN had reports that US and British forces destroyed a hospital in Afghanistan. This is quite a brave step for a mainstream newspaper, since they will likely be criticized by the Government, as well as several advertisers and subscribers. We can only guess how many other incidents of this type haven't been reported.

KEVIN HEATON

Dan Hazen, a reporter for AlterNet, recently wrote "10 Reasons to Stop Bombing Afghanistan." He mentions that by targeting Afghanistan, the US is creating more enemies and increasing hatred of the West. If Osama bin Laden is killed, which is unlikely, he will probably be held up as a martyr for his cause. He also points out that many experts have associated the hijackers who crashed into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon with an Egyptian group, known as Gama'at al-Islamiyya. Those responsible for the attacks might not even be in Afghanistan. This article can be viewed at http://www.alternet.org/story.html?StoryID=11764.

Has anyone heard of the Loft Project? Probably not, unless you were on SGA last year. This was intended to be a space in the Third World Room with weekend programing. Apparently, the idea hasn't gotten far. This school would rather spend money on maintaining a clean and tidy campus and security. Whatever happened to majority rule? I recently visited Hampshire College in Amherst and it was downright depressing coming back here!

I've noticed a strange weather pattern lately. It's been like springtime out for most of October. While this may seem nice, it is likely caused by global warming. This problem has been with us for years, and is likely to get much worse. Let's urge President Bush to sign the Kyoto Protocal, and to support environmental legislation. Unfortunately, this will probably be treated as a "back burner" issue for a while. The tragedy of September 11th could work in Bush's favor.

I attended the recent March for Humanity, held on campus. As I was walking my candle almost went out from the wind blowing on it, and I had to cup my hand in front of it. I thought this was quite symbolic of how "dissenters" have been treated since the terrorist attacks. Mainstream news outlets are quick to support the President. Those who disagree are seen as fringe groups and often ignored. Let's not let the "winds" of hysteria snuff out those who exercise their First Amendment to protest and report the civillan casualties of the war.

K. Heaton is a Voice columnist

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Nose Knows...maybe

KRISTINA MARTINELLI

So by now, everyone that reads the paper knows a little something about me. If you didn't know, I'm also in the Army Reserves. The difference between the Reserves and the National Guard is that I can be sent out of the country. Also, Reserves is federally funded while the National Guard is state funded. I am always telling one of my stories about one of the many kinds of training that I've done. Any of my friends will attest to that. So, if you do know me, you probably don't have to read this.

BCT (Basic Combat Training) was my first time away from home. It certainly threw me for a loop. I remember being in the airport, on a layover for one of my 3 flights to Ft. Jackson, S. Carolina. Ft. Jackson is also known to some as "Relaxin' Jackson." I ended up calling one of my friends at home, as did many others with me, to calm my nerves.

I finally arrived at the airport in Columbia. Everyone who was there for BCT was shuttled into a room after getting their bags and checking in. It was then onto a bus for the ride to where we would live for at least the next 9 weeks. Some people didn't even make it that far. I was there for 5 months. I trained with reservists, active duty, and national guard people.

I think of the first week at Ft. Jackson as being the worst. We weren't actually training yet, but were getting our shots, clothing, etc. The shots were done just as you see in the movies, in a line, six of them. Everything else was, "Hurry up and wait." I hated reception with a passion. There was one DS (Drill Sergeant) I remember, but mostly just a bunch of no ranking privates given temporary corporal rank to bust our asses. Ego trip anyone?

Once we finally arrived at our Battalion (2/28), there was a DS there at all times. Every time we ran into anyone that wasn't a private, "Black Lions!" That was our motto. If you didn't yell, you certainly pushed.

Anyway, the nine weeks flew by. We learned how to throw a grenade, shoot the M16-A2 rifle (weapon not gun), hand to hand combat, and field tactics (buddy set...buddy moving). I honestly wish I could do it again. It wasn't all fun and games though. We had to do PT in the morning everyday at 05:30. If we misbehaved, and it seemed like we always did, we got it noon and night too. I'll admit, I cried a few times, once for no reason at all. The stress levels that I reached were huge. I think that was worst than any PT I did.

Graduation day came, and that was awesome. We were finally good enough to be called soldiers. We got to wear our Class B uniforms on the parade field that day. The best is when you get to say hello to your parents and goodbye to your DS's. I had to go to AIT and F5 after that though, so my DS goodbye came later.

On weekend drills, I get to see some people who I only see once a month. We PT and last month we did weapons qualifications and inventory. I have a little less than 4 years left of my 6-year contract right now. I made E-4 (Specialist) this past February and will hopefully make E-5 (Sergeant) within the next year. The E stands for enlisted and when it's an O, it stands for officer.

I just wanted to write this so some people might know a little bit more than they did before. It is also a very easy topic to write about, I'm still living it.

God Bless ALL soldiers that are dealing with the crisis right now.

K. Martinelli is a Voice columnist

Life (according to me).

JON SEWELL

Does anyone else get these near overwhelming desires to just leave?

I don't mean leave school, really. I'm pretty much content here, for the time being. But lately, I find myself feeling restless almost every night. I just want to hop in a car and go…well, exploring. I want to drive until I find some roadside pumpkin stand, or a guy selling homemade cider. I get an impulse to drive to Boston at one in the morning. I figure I could get there by three, hang out for a few hours, and still get back for my ten-fifteen class.

Each weekend, I want to just grab some friends, jump in a car, and start driving south, seeing how far we can make it before we have to turn around to make it back for Monday. Along the way, I want to stop in little diners with signs that say "Eats." I want to stop and hike a random mountain, or check out a particular city's museum or best blues club, or visit whatever cheesy claim to fame the community has, be it a giant ball of yarn or the world's biggest standing cross. And then, I want to do it all again the next weekend, except this time head west.

Each weekend, I want to just grab some friends, jump in a car, and start driving south, seeing how far we can make it before we have to turn around to make it back for Monday.

Sometimes, when a road trip clearly isn't going to happen, a late night walk into town will suffice. I can often be seen strolling down Western Ave late night. My usual course takes me to the end of Western, where I turn left and make my way to the Mobil/Dunkin Donuts, where I'll buy a medium coffee with cream and sugar, and two plain, old-fashioned donuts (I swear, I'm marrying the first girl I meet that can truly appreciate the value of a plain donut). Then I cross the street, walk up Franklin, take the left onto Lloyds, where's it's one more mile back to campus. Yeah, the whole trip usually takes over two hours, and yeah, I can see how people might view my compulsion to do so as odd. But I know of few better ways to work out a problem than by hitting the streets and just letting your mind wander while you walk

Maybe this impulse is stemming from an unconscious realization that my "time" to do this sort of thing is rapidly fading. After college, I need to find a job. I need to become a grownup. And grownups don't take spontaneous road trips. Grownups have responsibilities that prevent them from just vanishing for a weekend. And grownups certainly don't wander the streets of their town at three in the morning, searching for twenty-four hour Dunkin' Donuts that'll serve fresh coffee and warm, old fashioned donuts.

Or then again, maybe some do. Perhaps some haven't lost their sense of fun and adventure just yet. Maybe some realize that there's more to life than jumping at the first employer that waves a wad of cash under your nose. I'm not sure what I'm going to do right after college, but I'm thinking that I'll spend at least some time away from work, getting out and seeing the country. Can I afford to do this? Of course I can't. Not even close. But the thing is, I'll have my whole life to either pay off the resulting debts, or to regret not taking a massive trip with my friends that I will remember forever. I choose the debt.

I suppose there's a chance I'll wind up sitting on a bare floor in a cheap apartment for a few months thinking, "Damn, I sure wish I had a sofa and TV right now." But I would prefer that over sitting on my new sofa, staring at my huge flat screen TV thinking, "Damn, I sure wish I went on that trip."

And even if I'm sitting on my bare floor, looking at my empty entertainment center, I'll be a happy sort. I'll have time to catch up on reading. I'll have my guitar to mess around with and write stupid songs on.

And wherever I'll be, there's always late night walks with hot coffee and plain, old-fashioned donuts.

Until next week…

J. Sewell is a Voice columnst

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Comatose at the Wheel

1. The president of WSC owns a desk that's worth something like 20,000 dollars.

2. Students at WSC get student loans to pay for things like the activity fees, technology fees, and books.

3. Professors all over the United States get anally raped by the colleges they work for. Their desks, if they have them, are made out of cheap office metal that starts to stink after awhile. They lay books across their cheap old desks.

4. Many people read their horoscopes. But not many people know what a pundit is, who Wolf Blitzer is, and why some consider the American flag to be a symbol of terrorism. When I find a book that discloses them, I'll send it to you for full price.

5. Some students and I who are enrolled in a sociology class bought "brand new," cellophane wrapped books from the WSC bookstore for full price. After opening them up, we realized that they were in fact used, marked up, highlighted bits of knowledge unknown to us at that point were in full view of being used.

6. What is social stratification?

7. I brought back the textbook and demanded my money back or at least a cheaper price. They argued with me for some time about my complaint. There's nothing we can do...but here's a newer book.

8. Before I walked away, I told the clerk that that's not the point. He checked my book again; to make sure that it wasn't marked up in the same fashion as my previous one. Maybe he wasn't too confident in the merchandise in his store.

9. False advertising is illegal.

10. I went back to my desk that is worth 20,000 dollars in order to look up in my book what a pundit is, who Wolf Blitzer could be, and whether or not social stratification has lead to the American flag being seen as terrorist threat. I was confident that college sociology professors wouldn't be anally raped today because it is illegal at bookstores when you pay a technology fee.

-Amy Geeleher

Unity Affair raises hundreds for charity foundations

JESSIE PERRIGO
VOICE REPORTER

Students, family and friends crowded into the Dever auditorium last Saturday night for WSC's second Unity Affair, which raised over $500 for charity.

Tiffany Buykin, director and creator of the Passport accredited Unity Affair, explained that her vision of the event was for all people to get together and display their talents, have fun and raise some money for a good cause.

The Unity Affair opened with the American National Anthem sung by 12-year-old Kali Bradford, daughter of the Associate Director of Residential Life, Kathi Bradford.

"Without you, there would be no Unity Affair," Tiffany Boykin said to the crowd of over 250 people.

According to Boykin, over $500 was raised between t-shirt sales, admission to the show and after party, and donations.

The money raised is being donated to two different organizations, the Center of Hope and the Aaliyah Memorial Fund.

The Center of Hope, a coping center for people dealing with the effects of cancer, is located in Westfield. The Center helps people from the moment they are diagnosed until the family no longer needs their help, guest speaker Gaetana Aliotta, founder of the Center for Hope said.

The Aaliyah Memorial Fund divides funds to distribute to other organizations, such as The National Breast Caner Center, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, the Revlon/UCLA Breast Cancer Center and The Revlon/UCLA Woman's Breast Cancer Research.

"The one thing that brings us all together here tonight is unity," master of ceremonies, Stephen Boykin said.

Members of Clarias sang a song about people's differences. Some lyrics included, "let's put aside our differences."

"The one thing that brings us all together here tonight is unity."

Unity Affair Master of Ceremonies Stephen Boykin

There were three different fashion scenes, the children's scene, the color scene, the black and white scene and the skirt scene.

"I liked the kids scene. It was different and you don't see that all the time," sophomore Dan Helvetius said.

One of the acts that received a lot of support was the WSC dance club.

Tiffany Brown sang "Angel of Mine" and received a standing ovation from the crowd.

Other acts included a Latin Dance, the WSC Break Dancing Club (The Elements Crew), Kellen Drain, Bad Girlz, Kendra Kachadoorian, Jim Bru and Magaly Santana.

"I thought it was awesome. There was a good display of talent from WSC," said Bobby Musto, a freshman and Men Against Rape and Sexual Assault member (M.A.R.A.S.A.), said.

M.A.R.A.S.A. had a table set up with information about cancer outside the entrance to Dever with pink ribbons to show their support.

"We had some people come over and donate," said a M.A.R.A.S.A. member, who was manning the information booth.

M.A.R.A.S.A. was also in charge of the front doors and collected the entrance fee of $1 per student and $3 for non-students.

There was an after party held in the Third World Room with DJ Wes until 2 a.m. The party was free with admission to the show. According to Musto, who was working the doors, there was a good turn out.

The Unity Affair was funded by Equal Opportunity, the Counseling Center- Substance Abuse and Weekend Programming.

Unity Affair shirts are still being sold for $10 and can be bought through Maiya Stewart or Tiffany Boykin.

Anyone who is interested in getting involved with the Unity Affair next semester should contact Tiffany Boykin.

A Halloween History

JEFFREY J. MUZZY

Being that the Halloween season is upon us, instead of writing some original humorous piece, I thought I'd share with you something I found about Halloween's dark roots.

Across Northern Europe and the British Isles, the ancient Celts once celebrate Samhain or "summers end" on the last night of October. The people held a great fire festival to remember the dead and mark the beginning of winter. The night, which was also their New Years Eve, the Celts believed that the spirits of dead loved ones might return to warm themselves around the fire. Families left out food and drink for their otherworldly guests. Witches, goblins and other beings were also expected to be at large, so the people danced around the fires to help keep those beings at bay.

In the Ninth century, the Christian Church proclaimed the Celt New Year as All Hallows or All Saints Day (Nov. 1st) the previous day being All Hallow's Eve or Halloween. Despite the change in nomenclature, however, many old Samhain customs were still observed on this date.

Into the 1800's in parts of Wales and Scotland, families would gather around bonfires on All Hallow's Eve for a ceremony in which each person threw a white stone into the fire. If any stone could not be found among the ashes the next day, it was feared that it's thrower would die during the coming year. Young people bobbed for apples afloat in tubs of water, if a maiden caught one, she would sleep with it under her pillow in hopes of dreaming of her future husband. To frighten away evil spirits, country folk in Ireland, Scotland and northern England dressed in robes and masks, a custom known as guising, before venturing out of doors. Irish guisers often trooped from farm to farm demanding edible tributes to Muck Olla-most likely an old Celtic god. Many lighting their way with a jack-o-lantern, a carver turnip set aglow by candle. In Irish tradition, a fellow named Jack wanders endlessly between Heaven and Hell, carrying a turnip lantern lit with a piece of coal thrown to him by the devil.

It's easy to see in this account the many different Halloween customs taken or adapted in the New World. Some have been so commercialized, much like Christmas and Easter. Many people have taken part in these traditions just because they knew that they were a part of celebrating Halloween, but never really knowing the true history of these strange rituals. While I'll be at Universal Studios celebrating my Halloween, I hope everyone here on campus enjoys their's to the fullest and safest possible.

Two final notes, Harry Houdini died on Halloween in 1929 of peritonitis. He promised his wife, Bess, that if his spirit survived death he would try to send her a message in their secret code. Bess attended many seances for many years, for a message that never came. Also, this account can be found in the pages of"The Mystical Year" by Time-Life. The more you understand, the more enjoyment you'll get out of the holiday. That'll be my perspective on things.

The Three

CHRIS PINEO

The Three is a story written by student Chris Pineo. Each week a new chapter appears in the Campus Voice.

Chapter 5

I tucked the paper away in my jacket. It was obviously something important to the story, but the night was starting to feel more like a period of three weeks. The point at which I met this guy already seemed a distant memory.

I turned to my companion and asked, "Where do I drop you off?"

"Waldorf."

Alright. Not my first guess, but it wasn't that far out of the way. I drove there without another word. The streets didn't seem that crowded when we pulled up, then something dawned on me.

"What's your name? How do I contact you?"

"You can call me Mercury. Don't try to contact me...I'll be there when you need me."

"Okay, Mercury my name's..."

The car door slammed behind him. I never bothered to finish the sentence, he wouldn't have heard me at the pace he was moving. He went in to the Waldorf Astoria, and that was that.

"Long friggin' night," I stepped on the gas.

By the time I turned the key to my apartment, my mind had sailed off into the sleepy sunset. I was running purely on the chocolate covered espresso beans I keep in my desk drawer. I had eaten almost a half pound before leaving the office, so biologically I was still wide awake, but my mind was shot. I'd like to say I slept well that night. My editor always used to say, "What you would like and what you get are two very different things."

I woke up feeling... Well I had my eyes open and my basic motor skills had returned to an extent. If someone had told me anything about the quality of the morning, I would have responded with a wave of my hand and some inaudible utterances of foul language. Coffee was high on my list of current priorities.

I pulled that piece of paper out of my jacket and looked at it. It gave the name and address of a bank downtown and said to talk with one Steven Jewel. Apparently phone numbers hadn't been invented when this was written. A note at the bottom read: "Bring the photos."

Before doing anything I went and got a cup of coffee. My order got screwed up and I ended up with black instead of cream and extra sugar. By the time I got to my office, the thing was gone and my mouth and tongue where burned. I could foresee this turning into a long day.

Check in next week for chapter 6

Chances

I'll keep my wall
but the gate unlocked
for another chance
to both of us
I'll wait for you
labels as such
pain is one step away
but so is love.

~Anonymous

JUST A LITTLE HAIKU
(TO SAY HOW MUCH I LIKE YOU)

BY JUHED DEEAUN

MY LIFE
INSIDE YOUR HEART
I THINK I'LL STAY HERE AWHILE

WSKB Weekly Spotlight

Steve "Steve-o" Allison

JED DION
A&E EDITOR

Wednesday means the middle of the week. From Wednesday, it's clear sailing till Friday. Wednesday also means DJ Steve "Steve-o" Allison hits the airwaves at 10 p.m. until midnight. Steve, a Junior majoring in Computer Information Systems is in his second semester with WSKB.

Steve-o's show features "metal and more metal." Groups like Type-O-Negative, Chimaira and Cradle of Filth can be heard in the two hours Steve-o commands the controls behind WSKB's archaic broadcast board.

"I play metal because I like to get some of the harder metal out to people, instead of all that MTV crap," said Steve-o. Steve-o enjoys playing music and promoting the local Goth clubs around the area.

Besides being a DJ, Steve-o also holds a position on WSKB's executive board. It's a position Steve-o likes to call "Web Dude." From scratch, Steve-o has created a web page for WSKB. Being very into web page design, and having the proper knowledge, Steve-o has created a nice web page which can be found at http://wskb.iscool.net. The page is designed and updated by Steve-o himself and features graphics created by himself.

Besides spinning metal and creating web pages, Steve-o also enjoys playing guitar, listening to music, accepting weird dares, playing video games, making clay sculptures and hanging out with his girlfriend.

Steve-o recalls doing his show last semester with a close friend by the name of Boyko. Now by himself, Steve-o realizes it's a lot more work.

"It's a big change. It's harder to talk by yourself and come up with things to say when no one is there to help," Steve-o said.

"I get to listen to my music now though, as much as I love the Blues Brothers, without Boyko I just play my metal," said Steve-o.

A night of Latin dance to celebrate Hispanic heritage

JESSICA NORDEN
ASSISTANT A&E EDITOR

On Sunday, October 21, the Latino Association For Empowerment (L.A.F.E.) put on a Latin dance exhibition in Ely Main Lounge, featuring Otilia Fuentes and The Otilia Fuentes Group Dancers.

Fuentes also teaches salsa and merengue lessons in the Wellness Center at 7:30 on Wednesday nights.

"The dance exhibition was part of Hispanic Heritage Month, which was incorporated with the multicultural/ethnic studies department, Celebrate Unity and the Division of Student Affairs," said Adrene Adams, co-advisor for L.A.F.E.

-Photo by Adrienne Lamplough

A student of Otilia Fuentes helps demonstrate the salsa.

L.A.F.E. also had refreshments of Hispanic culture. There were mango and guava juices and different types of cookies from Spain.

Fuentes discussed different dance positions and demonstrated how to dance the merengue with a student from her dance class.

She also explained the choreography of the cha-cha and its Cuban descent. "The cha-cha is very rhythm accentuated. It comes from Cuba, where it traveled to the United States and became popular," she said. Fuentes then demonstrated the cha-cha with a dance partner.

The salsa was demonstrated next. Fuentes explained how the salsa is different than the mambo because the mambo has a higher tempo. Another of Fuentes's students helped her demonstrate the moves to the salsa.

It was nice to be able to see different forms of Latin dance, sophomore audience member Thomas Perron said.

"It's just too bad more people didn't come out to see the dances. These people must have worked very hard practicing these moves," Perron said.

The night's exhibition ended with the members of the audience getting dance lessons by Fuentes and her students.

Remembered Pasts

COLLIN PROCTOR

"Remembered Pasts" is a story written by student Collin Proctor. Each week a new chapter appears in the Campus Voice.

10. Trouble in Paradise

Jen had two weeks left in her college career. She had yet to bring up her fears with Mike. It first came up one Sunday morning.

"So, you have two weeks left. Are you nervous?" Mike had the habit of asking questions at strange times. They had both woken up about a half hour ago, but Sunday morning was not going to see either of them up and about. Jen backed in closer to Mike and buried her head into his arm.

"Don't remind me. My finals are going to kill me. God, that is if your breath doesn't do me in first. Brush your teeth."

"And you're going home until July right?"

"Yeah, I am, why?" Jen rolled over and looked at him. Mike looked back

"I'm just trying to plan your going away party."

"You're going to give me a party?"

"Well of course. It's not everyday that my girlfriend goes to work at the second largest publishing company in New York."

"Well, no it's not, but you can't throw me a party. You need to save your money for Ireland. As long as you are there when I leave, I'll be happy. Mike, I'm going to New York. Come on, Rick's the only person I know down there, and I don't really want to see him." "Wait, wait you mean ex-boyfriend Rick?"

"Yeah, he moved there in January. I've told you this, that's why we broke up. He didn't think a long distance relationship would work and he dumped me. That's what's making me wonder if we are going to make it." Jen was holding back tears.

"Hey don't worry." Mike found a way to hold her tighter. "Nothing bad is going to happen. It may be hard-for a while but it will be OK." He looked into her tear stained eyes. "Jennifer Green, I love you. I will never hurt you. The distance doesn't matter to me. You could be anywhere in the world and I would still feel you in my heart, and we would be together. You'll make friends, and I'll come down on weekends. And screw Rick, he hurt you, you don't need to see him."

She looked up at him and smiled. "I love you."

They had a magical kiss.

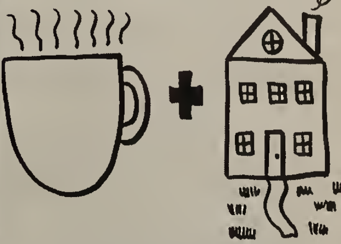
11. Graduation

Mike cheered for Jen louder than anyone else at graduation. He was so proud of her. Jen did not talk to him long, but he felt his first real inklings of fear. He could lose her.

They spent the next month and a half only seeing each other on random nights when he drove to her house. Mike buried his fears and forgot them. Unfortunately, he never gave her a going away party, but she came to his apartment the night before she was leaving.

Check in next week for the next part

Coffeehouse



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Owls Handle Mt. Ida To Stay Unbeaten

WESTFIELD - Senior Shawn Lyman (West Springfield) rushed for 121 yards and two touchdowns and sophomore quarterback Chris Lapointe (Millers Falls) completed 12 of 22 passes for 136 yards and two touchdowns to lead the undefeated Westfield State football team to a 28-6 victory over Mount Ida.

The Owls are now 7-0 while Mount Ida dropped to 1-5 following the nonconference matchup.

Westfield jumped out to a commanding 28-0 halftime lead during its Alumni Weekend game. The Owls ran 54 plays for 300 total yards and racked up 20 first downs in the first two quarters.

The Owls took the opening kickoff and marched 55 yards in 13 plays, with Lyman - ranked third nationally in rushing - scoring from four yards out. Lyman's two-yard touchdown run with 3:01 left in the first half capped an 11-play, 62 yard drive.

Lapointe threw an eight-yard touchdown pass to junior tight end Kevin Vaughn of Chicopee to complete an 11-play, 80-yard scoring drive early in the second quarter. Westfield scored with 12 seconds remaining in the half when Lapointe rifled a 17-yard scoring toss to sophomore receiver Matt Yvon of East Longmeadow.

Yvon sat out the second half but finished with five receptions for 58 yards. Lapointe only played one series in the second half before giving way to reserve quarterbacks Jesse Phelps and Bob Arnett. Lyman had 30 carries, 23 in the first half, as the Owls substituted freely in the final two quarters.

Mount Ida's main offensive threat was freshman tailback Mark Rocker (Middleton), who finished with 80 yards rushing on 19 carries. The Mustangs took advantage of Westfield's only turnover to score late in the game on a 30-yard pass from from backup quarterback Derek McClaren to Leigh Putnam.

Defensive standouts for the Owls included: linebacker Mike Hurteau (8 tackles); Ryan Clifford (5 tackles, 1 interception, 3 pass breakups); tackle Stevie Faniel (4 tackles, 1 1/2 sacks); and end John Cloutier (6 tackles, 1 1/2 sacks).

The State Game

Worcester State
at Westfield State
Saturday, Nov. 3, 12:00
NEFC Bogan Division
Championship Game

Westfield State junior midfielder Chris Whalley was named the Mass. State Conference Player of the Week as he scored the game-winning goal in a 2-1 come-from-behind men's soccer victory over Mass. College. The streaking Owls - who only have one senior on their team - are unbeaten in their last seven games and begin postseason tournament play Wednesday, Oct. 31. *File Photo By Mickey Curtis*

Soccer Roundup

Men's Soccer
Westfield State 3 - WPI 1

Sophomore Joe Calabrese of West Springfield tallied two goals to lead the Westfield State men's soccer team to a 3-1 win over WPI.

Westfield took a 1-0 lead on an own goal 17 minutes into the game. Calabrese scored four minutes later with an assist from junior co-captain Garrett D'Connell.

WPI trimmed the deficit to 2-1 with 35 minutes left in the game. Calabrese added an insurance tally 11 minutes later.

Freshman goalie Brian Ginisi made nine saves for the Owls, including several spectacular stops.

Women's Soccer
Framingham 1 - Westfield 0

Framingham State survived an upset bid as it defeated Westfield State, 1-0, in the semifioals of the Mass. State Conference women's soccer postseason tournament.

Westfield, the No. 4 seed, played on even terms with the Rams throughout most of the game. The Owls had several scoring opportunities, including a shot off the post by Meghan McCann.

Framingham scored the only goal in the 67th minute .

The Owls, who sustained numerous injuries throughout the season, finished with a 5-10-1 record.

Cross Country Places Second In Conference

FITCHBURG - The Westfield State men's cross country team finished second in the Mass. State Conference cross country championships held at Fitchurg State.

Bridgewater won the seven-team meet with 37 points. Westfield and Fitchburg tied for second with 54 points apiece.

All conference performers for the Owls were freshman Geoff Churchill, who finished fourth in 25:27, and senior Marco Iannello, who placed seventh in 25:37.

Junior Tom Bousquet of Chicopee - Westfield's No. 1 runner the entire season - had an off day because of a respiratory infection and struggled to finish fifth for the Owls and 18th overall in 26:45. The Owls would have won the team title by a point if Bousquet - the pre-race favorite - had finished first.

Also earning points for Westfield were freshman Matt Frederick (10th, 25:47) and sophomore Nik Wlodyka (15th, 26:23).

Bridgewater took three of the top five spots led by individual champion Ryan Morin (24:59).

Women's Cross Country

FITCHBURG - Westfield State's string of five straight conference titles was snapped as it placed second in the Mass. State women's country championships.

Bridgewater placed first with 28 points followed by Westfield (52), and Fitchburg (73).

Westfield senior Starr Hockenberry. finished third with a time of 21:24. Other top finishers were: Catie Geldert (8th, 22;27), Christine Byme (9th, 22;28), Alyssa Reid (18th, 23:19), Jen Stryer (21st, 23:47), Bonnie Starsiak (22nd, 23:57), KellyRose O'Brien (23rd, 24:00), and Aimee Worcester (24th, 24:16).

Field Hockey
So. Maine 2 - Westfield 0

GORHAM, Me. - Senior forward Laura Jurkowski of East Longmeadow, Mass., scored the game-winning goal late in the first half, and the University of Southern Maine held off a strong rally by Westfield State to post a 2-0 victory in the quarterfinals of the Little East Conference field hockey tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 23.

The Owls controlled play in the second half and had their best opportunity to even the game when senior forward Teri Phipps intercepted a clearing pass and fired a shot to the far side from close range with 20 minutes remaining. Sophomore goalie Jessie Superchi flashed out her right pad to kick the ball away. Southern Maine added an insurance goal with 14 seconds left.

With the loss, Westfield concludes its season with an 8-8 record.

Women's Volleyball

Bridgewater State continued its dominance of Mass. State Conference opponents by sweeping Westfield State (30-17, 30-21, 30-19) on Tuesday, Oct. 23.

The victory gave the Bears a perfect 7-0 record in the MASCAC as they won their seventh straight conference crown. Westfield placed second in the conference with a 6-1 record. The Owls will host a first-round game in the conference's postseason tournament on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

The Bears, 23-5 overall, were once again led by senior captain and reigning Conference Player of the Year Jennifer Cedrone of Walpole, who registered 14 kills and 16 digs.

Ice Hockey Team Faces Challenging Season

By Brian Ward

The 2001-2002 Westfield State Hockey program is about to undergo a very transitional period this season as the College will be announcing its possible return to the ECAC. The 2001-2002 season looks to be very challenging, and the team will be skating its second season at the recently built Amelia Park Ice Arena.

With a much deeper team since its re-emergence in 1997, the Owls are looking to move forward and maintain a winning tradition. Last season, the Owls tallied a 16-6-2 record, while boasting a road record of 9-2-1. Coach Brian Ward will have 15 returning players along with 10 newcomers.

The big task will be replacing the leadership of last season's team captain, Matt Fontaine, along with co-captains Brian Huggon and Steve Mortarelli. The Owls return several of their leading scorers from last season, including its team leader, sophomore Ryan Lawless. Sophomore forwards Mike Palazzola and Bobby Shaw along with defensemen Keven Pelkey and Keith Nadeau will be returning with their combined 92 points from last season. Palazzola had a team-leading 14 goals and Shaw a team-leading seven powerplay goals and four game-winning goals.

Fifth-year senior and elected team captain Mike Fitzgerald brings back his scoring punch (26 points last year) and his leadership this season. Joining Fitzgerald will be junior assistant captain Brian Donnelly. Donnelly will be playing defense this season and will be looked to for his leadership and experience. Sophomore Keven Pelkey will join Donnelly as co-assistant captain on the blueline.

Also returning at forward will be sophomores James Carapella, Ken Hetzel, Steve Savage, and Brad Kent. All were significant contributors last season. Junior Matt Merriam will be competing for more time this year at both forward and defense.

Also joining the strong sophomore class will be defensemen Mark Carrasquillo, Keith Nadeau and Mike Nee. Carrasquillo was awarded the team's Most Improved Player last year, while Nadeau and Pelkey anchored the team's blueline. Nee gained significant experience last season and will be contributing more this season.

Sophomore goaltender Ardian Kalezic is coming off a very impressive freshman season. Kalezic boasted ~~an~~ impressive 13-5-2 record last season, while carrying a 2.95 goals against average. He started 20 games last season with a .904 saves percentage. His talents and experience will be the focal point of a very strong defense.

"We will be playing to our strengths this season. Strong defense and goaltending, along with good team speed, will be our focal point. We are playing a much tougher schedule this season and we will need our strong nucleus of returning players to be leading the way with help from our 10 newcomers. This season will be an excellent test for us," said Ward.

The Newcomers

The 2001-2002 newcomers will make an immediate impact. The Owls welcome six forwards, three defensemen and a goaltender. Freshmen forwards Alan Donnelly (Natick) and Bill Colella (Melrose) lead the way. Both bring size, speed and talent to the offense.

Joining them up front will be Matt Connell (Marian), Mark McGuire (Bridgewater Raynham) and Bryan Teixeira (Springfield Junior Dlympies). McGuire and Connell possess speed and scoring ability, while Teixeira brings some much needed size.

Joining the blueline this year will be freshmen standout Matt Stone (Natick). Stone has a large frame and excellent mobility and will be asked to contribute immediately to the already strong defense. Also new to the lineup will be Shawn Brown (Bridgewater Raynham) and Justin Nevins (Silver Lake).

Rounding out the freshmen will be goaltender Dustin Durej (U-Mass Juniors). A transfer student, Durej will be competing with Kalezic between the pipes. With excellent potential, Durej will give Coach Ward a very solid one-two punch.

The roster is very much improved from last season and should pay great dividends. With much added speed, size and scoring, the 2001-2002 Owl Hockey Team will be looking to provide more offensive punch this season and a strong defense.

"I am very happy with the recruited freshmen we brought in the season. We have several options on offense this season. That should not only put pressure on our opponents more, but should also help our defense," said Ward.

Westfield State Ice Hockey 2001-2002 Schedule

Day		Opponent	Time
		October	
Fri.	26	at Siena College	7:00
		November	
Sat.	3	Lehigh University	5:30
Wed.	7	Framingham State	7:00
Sat.	10	So. New Hampshire	5:30
Wed.	14	at Harvard JV	7:00
Wed.	28	at Franklin Pierce	7:30
		December	
Tue.	4	at Suffolk University	7:00
Sat.	8	at Plymouth State	4:00
Wed.	12	Harvard JV	7:00
		January	
Sat.	5	at U. of Rhode Island	6:00
Tue.	8	at WNEC	7:30
Wed.	9	Worcester State	7:00
Sat.	12	at UMass Dartmouth	5:00
Sat.	19	at Central Connecticut	8:00
Wed.	23	Plymouth State	7:00
Sat.	26	at U.S. Naval Academy	7:00
Sun.	27	at Lehigh University	4:00
Wed.	30	Central Connecticut	7:00
		February	
Sun.	3	at Mohawk Valley College	2:00
Fri.	8	at University of Delaware	7:00
Sat.	9	at Drexel University	7:00
Sat.	16	Nichols College	5:30
Wed.	20	Assumption College	7:00
Sat.	23	Siena College	5:30

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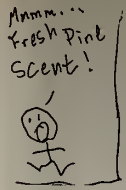
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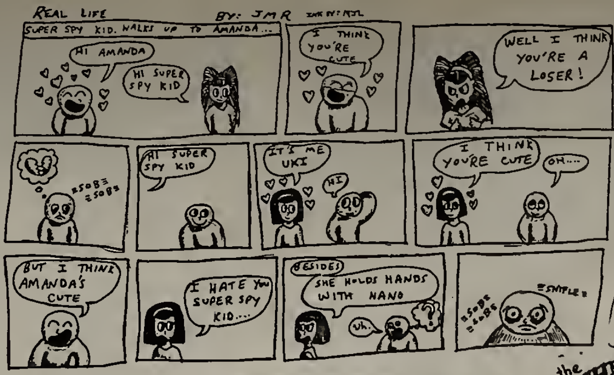

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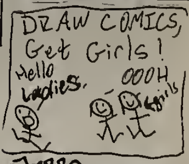
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42 Scarlett —
43 Curly wool
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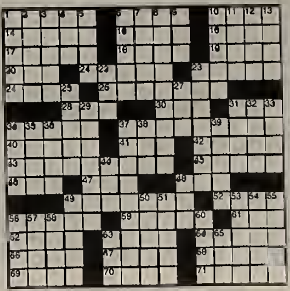

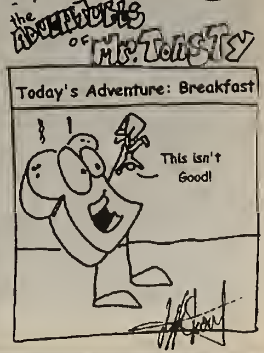

Personals

I hate this school and everyone that goes here, except my roommates.

Stockbridge from Falmouth, will you be my girlfriend?

Tung Shin's Dragon.

I do enjoy the sex, believe me.

I want to play the furmonica!

KK, remember omly five trips to the keg

Take your pants off.

I streak across the campus green every morning at 4am.

Moot the Bing.

PUYA!

Who's the hot blonde in 2A3?

charlie bravo

Whitey=whipped

Advice for CM- Just keep your shoes on next time.

BD and MO are the beer sluts

The woman in the dumpster offered me candy if I'd join her in the dumpster.

Dirty Pop!

How come nobody has money for CD's?

If at first you don't succeed, maybe failure's just your style

To the girl who split her pants at the apartments...nice undies!!!

Matt, why are there tampons in your drawer?

Who's the cool kid in South Lot with the green light?

Jess, you can clean our floor too if you want. I'll pay for you in other ways, but not money!

Hello to all the Aria's @ WSC

Reggie is a pad monster

So Pat, is it true that you only have one nut?

Davis Hall, Davis Hall- Housekeeping, you want me fluff pillow? -HW

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Mon 10/29	4:00 p.m.	Martial Arts Club	Third World Room
	7:00 p.m.	Jazz Night	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Forsaken"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Head Over Heals"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Breakdance Club	Third World Room
Tue 10/30	5:30 p.m.	Student Government Meeting	SGA Room
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Along Came A Spider"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Exit Wounds"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Wed 10/31	4:00 p.m.	Martial Arts	Third World Room
	4:30 p.m.	Campus Activities Board	SGA Room
	7:00 p.m.	Latin Dance Lessons	Ely Wellness Center
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Saving Silverman"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Snatch"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Breakdance Club	Third World Room
Thur 11/1	4:00 p.m.	"I Drive Better When I'm Drunk"	Wilson Auditorium
	6:00 p.m.	Martial Arts Club	Third World Room
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Save the Last Dance"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Sweet November"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Fri 11/2	1:00 p.m.	CCGS Student Leadership Workshop	AIC Springfield MA
	4:15 p.m.	Gay Straight Alliance	Ely 232
	5:00 p.m.	Jujitsu Club	Ely Wellness Center
	8:00 p.m.	Concert w/Almost Famous & Driftwood	Third World Room
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Forsaken"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Joe Dirt"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Sat 11/3	TBA	Men's and Women's Cross Country	Williamston, MA
	12:00 p.m.	Football vs, Worcester	Alumni Field
	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live w/WSKB 89.5	Ely main lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Forsaken"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Joe Dirt"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Saturday night Live w/ WSKB	Ely Main Lounge
Sun 11/4	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "A Knight's Tale"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Sweet Novermber"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Concert w/RANE	Ely main lounge

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Issue IX

New MassPIRG coordinator will help carry out year's projects

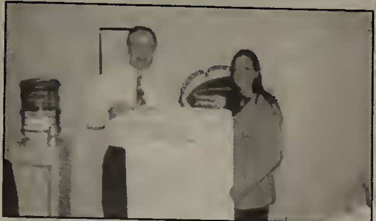
By Brooke Ann Popielarz
Voice Reporter

Westfield State College recently gained a new Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group (MassPIRG) coordinator. Cindy Tsai, a spring Cornell University graduate, is the new coordinator. "Our campus is lucky to have her," sophomore Mike Panza said.

The MassPIRG's former coordinator, who started out in the beginning of September, Mary Westerbelt, left due to family matters.

Tsai was hired by an electorial board of students. MassPIRG was able to carry on with their original plans from when Westerbelt was in charge.

MassPIRG organizes many activities and campaigns focused on both the consumer and environmental public interests of the student body.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Lori O'Doherty presents MassPIRG's petition to Senator Mike Knapik.

MassPIRG works to protect wild life, wooded areas, air quality, rivers and help those who suffer from homelessness among many more.

MassPIRG is not just on the Westfield State College campus. It is on campuses across the nation.

There are currently 8 people in the "core" group who are actively involved in planning and organizing activities for other students that help within the group. MassPIRG concentrates on the student body that feel

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Faculty union wants to gain support from students' parents

Woodward refuses to provide union with addresses to protect student privacy

By Alison Close
Voice Reporter

Due to the Massachusetts state legislature failing to fund the teacher's new contract, the Westfield State College faculty union wants to gain support from students' parents to attempt to get the legislature to uphold their side of the deal. However, WSC President Frederick Woodward has refused to give the union the student addresses they need, claiming it violates the student privacy contract.

According to Professor Brad Art of the Philosophy Department, Woodward has stated that the position of the college is to withhold the addresses from the faculty union.

Woodward stated, "The student addresses can't be released under the private disclosure act. Mark Peters of Rubin and Rudmin in Boston legally advised the college against releasing them. I have shared this with the union leadership and have a memo going out to faculty explaining all of this."

According to Professor Gerald Tetrault of the Philosophy Department, the notices, or postcards, were to be sent to parents of students enrolled at WSC. The postcards would clarify that the legislature has, to this point, failed to release the funding for these new contracts. It would also explain that students' tuition fees could be affected if the legislature continues to withhold the money, hiking student tuition bills up approximately $1,000.

Art said, "We feel it is important to warn students and parents of this

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SGA discusses elimination of freshmen parking privileges

By Chris Pineo
Voice Reporter

Freshmen desiring on campus parking next fall may face resistance.

During the October 30 meeting, the Student Government Association overwhelmingly agreed with the proposal that freshmen may not be allowed to have cars on campus next year. Senators did not make a formal vote on the topic, but rather voiced their opinions and recommendations to Lauren Stearly of the Parking Control Board.

Feelings were mixed on the issue, but most senators agreed to not allow incoming freshmen parking permits.

"We do have a bus," Meg Canning, Senior Class President said. "A lot of schools don't even allow freshmen to have cars."

Some concerns voiced from student representatives included the needs of education majors and freshmen with off campus jobs.

Currently, freshmen able to document personal necessity for an off campus job or medical exceptions are granted parking decals. However, Stearly noted the medical reasons are minimal.

There were 200 passes granted to freshmen last year and 100 granted this year, according to Stearly. The policy will not be placed immediately and the Board will review the policy each year, she said.

The mixed reaction from the assembly entailed a number of questions and what senior All-College Representative Michael Steuterman described as "bickering."

Beth Johansson, a senior class

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Program helps prepare seniors for "real world"

By Tom Perron
Voice Reporter

Residential Life and Career Services came together to develop a series of programs designed to help students put down their textbooks and check-in on reality; Senior Reality 101.

Senior Reality 101 is a group of programs to help all students, especially seniors, in issues they will be facing as they finish college and enter the real world, Junior Delgado, a coordinator of senior events and a career counselor in the offices of Career Services, said.

Seniors like hearing about things like this, education major Elisa DiCarlo said. "Now that I know about it, I'll definitely go and I think a lot of others will too."

On various nights throughout the semester, Residential Life and Career Services hold different meetings, Delgado said. "Events in the series range from simplifying your job search to help with graduate school selection to buying a wedding ring and planning a family," Delgado said.

The events usually take place in Dickinson at either 5:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. and last for roughly 45 minutes, according to Delgado. There are nine different programs this semester and up to twelve programs for next semester, he said.

-Photo by Laura Cyr

Co-coordinator of Senior Reality series Jennifer Lee

Next semester we may be running some of the same programs as this semester, said Jennifer Lee, the apartment complex Residence Director. "The reason for the repeat in events is to allow students to be able to attend the program when they need it," Lee said.

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WSC raises over $3,000 towards the cure of breast cancer

By Jessie Perrigo
Voice Staff

Almost 90 WSC students and staff raised over $3,000 in the Eighth Annual Rays of Hope Walk through Forest Park in Springfield on October 28.

"It's a lot of fun to see people unite for a good cause," Lambda Sigma member Liz LaFond said.

"My family has been affected by cancer and I enjoy walking to give hope for others," LaFond said.

Two teams from WSC participated in the walk, Coeds For A Cure and Lambda Sigma.

Eight Lambda Sigma members raised about $400, according to the team captain Katie O'Connor.

"It was a successful day and people seemed to have a good time," O'Connor said.

The second team from WSC was Coeds for a Cure, led by team captain Laurel Stewart, a resident assistant in Courtney Hall.

Coeds for a Cure, consisting of over 80 students and staff members, raised close to $3,000.

"I went into this thinking only 50 people would sign up," Stewart said. Stewart said she has been doing the Rays of Hope Walk on her own for the past five years. This year, Stewart said she brought the idea to the rest of the WSC because she thinks it is a really good program.

"Breast Cancer is a disease that hits home with a lot of people and I thought it would be something the students would like to participate in," Stewart said.

Other students who joined Stewart on the team said the walk was an overall great experience. "It was nice to see people show their support so early in the morning," freshman

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Will Jen break things off with Mike before heading off for New York, or will they give a long distance relationship a try. Check out Chapter 13 of Remembered Pasts. Page 10

Efforts are underway in Afghanistan to educate women and encourage them organize themselves to secretly resist the Taliban.

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strongly about issues affecting everyone in daily life.

Projects are decided upon depending on the interests of the students. There are groups working on projects such as a voter registration drive and a group that wants to hold an educational forum and press conference with senators in conjunction with Holyoke Community College.

The purpose of this educational forum and press conference is to discuss and educate about the Public Land Presentations Act. This act deals with the issues about preserving and restoring open space land. Lori O'Doherty, the student coordinator for this event, started to organize the event by beginning a petition. Over seven-hundred WSC students signed the petition. It took O'Doherty and a couple of her group members several weeks to accomplish that goal. O'Doherty hopes to get Senator Mike Knaptik to speak at the event, as well as other representatives at the forum.

Tsai said there is another group that hopes to organize a canned food drive and possibly a "sleep-out" to highlight the issue of homelessness. "Ideally, I would like the hunger canned food drive, 'sleep-out' and the forum to be huge events that make a large impact on this campus." MassPIRG's goal for the semester is to give students the opportunity to gain skills in working on various public interest campaigns. Students should learn and gain experience with pertinent and important issues.

Tsai is available to all groups to offer guidance and skills training. "In addition, we hope that through our events, we can educate the campus and surrounding community on those specific public interest issues that students feel are so important on this campus and in hopes, may lead to other campuses getting involved," Tsai said.

MassPIRG would also like to sponsor a river clean-up next semester. First, student volunteers are required to pick a site, observe it and gather data based on their research. The local water shed committee builds a coalition and tests for chemicals that may be present in the river to find out how much the river is polluted. Ingrid Weaver is the student in charge of the water campaign at WSC.

Jose Galarza, water watch organizer for the Springfield Technical Community College campus and partners with Tsai said, "A river clean-up project is great for an environmental major or geography and such, although you do not need a science background to help out or collect data."

"I am really excited working with the students here at WSC, I can see great things happening if the group remains as motivated as they have been," said Tsai.

Any student is welcome to join. The MassPIRG office is located in Ely, second floor. Open meetings are Mondays at 7 p.m, Water Watch meetings are Fridays at 5 p.m. Hunger and Homelessness meetings are Wednesdays at 3 p.m.

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Some students do not think of making a professional resume until the end of the year, so we want students to be able to make the most out of the Senior Reality 101 Series, Lee said.

"We got a good turnout with about 10-25 people in attendance," Delgado said. "This was a rather good turnout since it is hard to plan an event that does not conflict with peoples' schedules."

The attendance has varied, Lee said. "We've had as many as 98 people at a program and as few as 5."

"Because it is still such a new program, we are still trying to gauge best days and times for programs, times of the year for different topics, program topics that students need and or want," Lee said.

According to Delgado, Career Service's role in Senior Reality 101 focuses on job search information, interviewing skills and graduate school selection.

"We use interviewing skills packets, graduate school selection packets, and resume cover guides throughout the series," Delgado said.

If students are unavailable to attend certain presentations, Career Services leaves packets with Lee, Delgado said. Packets are then distributed to people who show interest in the series but were unable to attend a particular event.

While Career Services works on making sure students are ready for the real world, Residential Life, co-sponsors and plans events relating from picking out a wedding ring to leasing a car.

Lee has worked with area businesses to get guest speakers at some of the events, Delgado said. "At the 'Time to Pop the Question? What About the Ring' meeting they had a local jeweler come down and talk about wedding rings," he explained.

An advantage of attending these events is that Senior Reality 101 is also a part of the "Passport to Adventure Program" with Residential Life.

"Senior Reality 101 is another way to get passport credits to earn credits towards free flex dollars," Lee explained.

"We hosted a similar series of events last semester," Delgado said. "But, the series didn't have a name."

Many of the events were in the same format as this year and had the same names, but the whole series did not have a title until this year. Lee went to career services with the idea of "Senior Reality 101," Delgado said.

"Since our goal is to prepare our seniors for the reality of basic life issues that they will face after graduation, Senior Reality 101 made sense," Lee explained.

Some of the upcoming events include "Surviving Your Graduate School Search," Nov. 5 at 5:30 p.m.; "Simplify your Job Search," Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m.; "Baby Steps – Planning a Family," Nov, 19 at 5 p.m.; "What Can Career Services Do for You?," Nov. 26 at 5:30 p.m.; and "Impress Them With Your Interview Skills," Dec. 6 at 5:30 p.m. All of the programs will take place in the Dickinson Common Room.

For more information, please contact the Senior Reality 101 staff at SeniorReality101@yahoo.com.

From the Editor's Desk

When I walked into the Campus Voice office on Tuesday morning, I was already having a bad day. My car decided to break and I lost my WSC I.D. Upon checking the messages on our answering machine, I heard an angry man voicing his many complaints about a columnist of ours. Did this make my day any worse? Surprisingly, it didn't. I was just disappointed that this man had not left his name and hadn't taken the time to email or write a letter stating these complaints. We could have run it in the newspaper.

The message we received was a complaint about Kevin Heaton's column. The caller said he found it to be offensive and senseless. He said he was in the military and that Kevin should give this country and our military some respect. "I know this is a free country and we have the right to print that. But, on the other hand, you should have some respect," the man said.

I am inviting this caller or anyone who wants to express his/her opinion on something in our newspaper to write us a letter or send us an email stating so. It would be great to get some debate going in the editorial pages of the Campus Voice on anything from the war on terrorism to the food in the cafeteria. But unless people who have differing views on issues begin to express them in the newspaper, the only views we'll hear are of the four columists'.

The caller who complained about Kevin's column also made a comment that the column editor didn't know what was going on. The editorial staff at The Campus Voice edits columns for grammatical and spelling mistakes. The staff only edits content when there is a blatant factual mistake. There is no doubt in my mind that I don't know everything that is going on with the war and our military and Kevin doesn't either. I don't have enough time to read many newspapers and watch the news enough to have a good idea. Even if I did, there is much information that someone in the military would know that I wouldn't get from the media.

The Campus Voice columnists are allowed to express their views and we publish them so long as they are not libelous or slanderous. Voice columnists do not represent the editorial board's opinion; they represent their own opinion. Often, I do not agree with Kevin Heaton's words, but I do not censor everything that goes into the newspaper to go along with my opinions and beliefs. If I did, the campus community would not be represented, and it would result in a boring newspaper as well.

Once again, I cannot stress enough to please write a letter or send an e-mail if you would like to respond to anything printed in The Campus Voice or to voice your opinion on a topic. Our publication policy is that all Letters to the Editor must be signed with your name, year and phone number if you are a student and Department if you are a faculty member or administrator. The Campus Voice will print letters anonymously if requested, but your name MUST be listed on the original letter. Submissions can be dropped off at our office in Ely Campus Center, Rm. C-248 or e-mailed to thecampusvoice@hotmail.com. Letters must be received by Tuesday at 6 p.m. to be included in the following week's publication.

I hope that in the future more members of this college community will take the opportunity The Campus Voice provides them with and express their opinion through a letter or by becoming a columnist. We are here to serve the college community, so help us make sure we achieve our mission.

Laura Cyr
Editor-In-Chief

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representative, said she was be in favor of eliminating freshmen parking to free up parking for juniors and seniors attending internships.

Freshmen class representative Shawn LaHair was vocal in his objections regarding the proposed policy. "Some freshmen need a job off campus and switching jobs each semester and summer may not be an option for some people," LaHair said.

Courtney Hall representative Sarah King opposed this view, stating, "I'm a freshman and I don't need a car."

"Think back on what your needs as a freshman were and not just think about your needs as a junior or senior," LaHair said, defending his views.

Senior representative Justine Young moved to end the speakers list which allowed the meeting to progress to other issues.

After more than 30 minutes of talk on parking, the meeting moved through its other sections rather quickly. Senior Class President Meg Canning made a motion to open to new business.

Canning introduced a petition to extend the library hours. It opened with a letter from the student body addressed to Hal Gibson, Director of the Library, to be sent later next week.

Currently, the library is open on weekends Saturdays, 1 - 6 p.m. and Sundays, 1 – 9 p.m.

Proposing the library stays open until 11 p.m. or midnight on Sundays and opens two hours earlier on Saturdays, the proposal was subject to a second round of commentary from the senators.

Canning later said, "I was looking into library hours at other state colleges and universities and we're open the least. Every other state school, besides UMass-Boston is open until 11 p.m. or midnight Sunday nights," she said.

In response to indications that this has been tried before and to no avail, Daryl Hendery, executive director of the Campus Center, asked, "What do folks in Boston do when legislation passes that they don't like? They go down and stand up for their rights."

Walk

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Mike Mackiewiecz said.

Stewart said that she could not have organized the Coeds for a Cure without the help of many people. She gave special thanks to the staff of Courtney, Kathi Bradford, Weekend Programming, Andy Johnson, Shawn Hartman and Collin Proctor.

The walk consisted of over 5,600 walkers, including 252 teams, from all over the Pioneer Valley, according to the Rays of Hope website, www.raysofhope.org.

The walk raised more than $504,000 and will support programs and services for women with breast cancer at the Comprehensive Breast Center at Baystate Medical Center, the Franklin Medical Center and Mary Lane Hospital and research of the American Cancer Society.

"Since 1994, Rays of Hope Walk toward the cure of breast cancer has donated more than $1,795,000 to support patient care, education and research projects at the Comprehensive Breast Center at Baystate Medical Center and throughout western Massachusetts," the website said.

Campus Briefs

Westfield State College plans public forum, debate on Middle East issues

Two panels will address questions on terrorism and Middle East issues at a public forum scheduled for 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, and a debate set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at Westfield State College.

The events, organized by Westfield State faculty and students, will explore such issues as the roots of terrorism and possible solutions to the current international crisis. The forum, scheduled in the Third World Room in the Ely Campus Center, will offer background information on Islam, Afghanistan and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Scheduled panelists are representatives from the Islamic Society of Western Massachusetts, as well as educators with extensive experience in Middle Eastern issues. Educators include Tony Guglierme, professor of economics at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst; Elise Young, assistant professor of history at Westfield State; and John Paulmann, associate professor of communication at Westfield State.

The debate, scheduled in Wilson Auditorium, will focus on the current United States war in Afghanistan. Panelists will include Guglierme, peace movement activist Frances Crowe, Pakistani journalist Nafisa Hoodbhoy, and representatives from the U.S. military.

The college's Office of Academic Affairs and a committee of faculty and students sponsor both events.

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possible increase. Proper warning is needed. We don't want this to fall on the backs of the students."

"It's not that we don't want to help by sending out these letters, we are legally unable to do it," Woodward added. "I would also like to say that I didn't even see a copy of the letter until Wednesday, October 31st, after the decision was made to withhold the addresses."

Tetrault said he reminded Woodward that the college often sends bulletins about school news to students' parents.

According to Professor George Layng of the English Department, the brief postcards are an attempt by the union to explain to parents that this conflict could affect their children and families.

These postcards would hopefully cause parents to call the legislature and "maybe place some political pressure on the legislature to come through with the funding," Layng said.

The faculty was against charging the students from the beginning, Tetrault said. "Why should students have to eat the bill?" Tetrault asked. "It's morally wrong under any circumstances."

Students at WSC said they have their own opinions on the faculty union's tactics.

"My parents would probably call the college and ask more about it," junior Karl Fuhs, a business major, said. "I think it's a good way to let the parents know what might happen but I honestly don't see my parents taking the initiative in calling the legislature or governor about it."

"I asked my parents about this and they would think that the postcard was an attempt by the college to scare them into taking action, fearing that tuition would rise even though it's not going to," junior Psychology major Kate Pomerleau said.

Tetrault said, "My next step is to seek legal council of my own. I will meet with my lawyers to see if this request really does violate the privacy contracts."

In addition to the debate over the release of student addresses, Tetrault said Woodward is now denying his earlier statement that the college would fund the contract if the legislature did not.

"We originally discussed how exactly the school would cover these expenses and now Woodward is denying it all," Tetrault explained. "We cannot fund the contract," Woodward said. "There is a section in the contract that will not allow us to do that. There is also a piece that states the school may pay two percent of the funding, which we have already done. There is no way the school can pick it all up."

When asked about the misunderstanding of the union that the school would fund the contract if the legislature wouldn't, Woodward said that he couldn't speculate as to what anyone's thoughts or misunderstandings were, "but the contract clearly states that the school cannot fund the contracts."

"The college has been working extremely hard to get this contract funded by the legislature. We were not involved in the negotiation process and the union signed the contract and all of its terms," Woodward added.

According to Tetrault, Woodward is also claiming that student fees may increase by $1,000 anyway, regardless of whether or not the school funds the new contracts.

"Even if the legislature funds this contract, the students may be faced with an increase in fees anyway," Tetrault said. "The state is out of money...The cuts need to be passed on to somebody and that somebody seems to be the students of state colleges," he said.

Art said, "If fees need to go up for other reasons then so be it, but the faculty doesn't want the funding problem to be the reason for the hike."

In response to the possibility of student fee raises Woodward said, "We have no way of knowing yet about any increases because we don't have a budget yet. If the fees do increase, however, I doubt that the raise will be as high as $1000."

Art said, "I am literally begging faculty, staff, and students to call and push the legislature to honor its agreement. I think it's terribly unfair that we're being forced to honor our side of the deal and they're refusing to honor theirs. If action isn't taken by the November 21st deadline, there will be a lot of problems."

"I am sorely disappointed in the attitude of the administration," Tetrault said. "We want them to fight with the legislature to get this funded. There are forty-one contracts in our package and no money has been disbursed."

"It's been three years making this agreement, and now we want them to honor it. If they don't, I don't know yet the consequences, but they're grim," he said.

The union will meet on Friday, November 2, to discuss what will happen if the state does not have a budget for the contract by the deadline, November 20.

Voice of The Week

Laurel Stewart

POSITION AT WSC: Courtney Hall RA, Coordinator of the Westfield State Rays of Hope team Coeds for a Cure

HOMETOWN: East Longmeadow, MA

YEAR AT WSC: Junior

MAJOR: Elementary Education/Psychology

FAMILY: Mother & younger sister Katelyn

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: Mary in the DC

LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: Lack of student involvement when there is so much offered here

FAVORITE FOOD: Anything Italian

PERSON YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: Ani Difranco

BEST DAY OF LIFE: The day that Family Ties was put on the Nick-at-Nite lineup. Now if only they could get Punky Brewster reruns.

FAVORITE QUOTE: "Forever is a long time, but not as long as it was yesterday." -Unknown

WHAT MOTIVATED YOU TO PUT A TEAM TOGETHER FOR THE BREAST CANCER WALK?: I have done Rays of Hope for many years & realized that it was an issue that affected many people my age whether their mother, grandmother, or themselves suffered from it. So I figured why not offer up an opportunity to the college community to participate as well.

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JESSICA NARDI-2005
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LAUREN CAPONE-2005
ART

"I DON'T KNOW, IT MIGHT BE A LITTLE TOO MUCH OF AN INCREASE."

MIKE BYRNES
2003
POLITICAL SCIENCE

"PROBABLY, I LIKE THE SIZE OF THE SCHOOL AND THE CLASSES AND IT'S NOT TOO FAR FROM WHERE I LIVE."

LAURA WIGMORE
2005
PSYCHOLOGY

"I PROBABLY WOULD BECAUSE WHERE ELSE WOULD I GO, BUT I WOULD PUT UP A FIGHT."

JUSTIN KRUSZYNA
2005
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

"YES, BECAUSE I'M AN EDUCATION MAJOR, SO I KNOW HOW HARD IT IS TO WORK HARD FOR LITTLE MONEY."

TARA DUMA
2003
EDUCATION

"YES, BECAUSE I HAVE A FULL PAID SCHOLARSHIP, BUT I WOULD STAY EITHER WAY."

KRISTIN GREEN
2004
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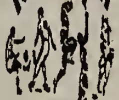

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Subliminal Lessons

The Washington Post

The brain is capable of "subliminal" learning, according to scientists who conducted an experiment showing that people can acquire information without actually paying attention.

The finding, unfortunately, isn't useful to students trying to cram months of schoolwork into a couple of all-nighters, because the learning appears to be only at the level of perception improving the ability to detect visual patterns.

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On the other hand, the result fits nicely with what advertisers already seem to know: Repetition, even when it's quiet and almost imperceptible, has a powerful effect on the brain.

Researchers asked groups of test subjects to perform a task that involved identifying letters that flashed at the center of a screen. They were told not to pay attention to the background, which showed a number of moving dots. While most of the dots were moving randomly, a small number moved in a certain direction, creating a subliminal experience.

After establishing that the subjects were not aware of the hidden patterns in the background dots, the researchers tested the subjects' ability to pick up movement in different directions: Subjects were found to have improved ability to detect movement in the direction the subliminal dots had moved, but not in any other direction.

The scientists concluded that "frequent presentation of a feature, such as a particular direction of motion, sensitizes the visual system to that feature, even if the feature is visually invisible, and even if it is irrelevant to a given task."

The scientists, Takeo Watanabe, Jose E. Nanez and Yuka Sasaki of Boston University, Arizona State University and Massachusetts General Hospital, respectively, published their work in the Oct. 25 issue of Nature. They said the results showed that trying to ignore something doesn't mean the brain isn't absorbing it.

Studies see declines in rates of murder, violence in relationships

JILL LEOVY
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Back when Los Angeles Police Detective Pat Barron was a patrol officer, he had a standard tactic for separating abusive spouses.

He would make a solemn face, mumble something about the power vested in him by the state, then declare a 48-hour divorce. It even worked sometimes.

Today, Barron laughs at the memory, so at odds with modern practices. Changes in the social, political and legal environment concerning domestic violence have been profound, transforming law-enforcement practices and giving more people ways out of bad relationships. The result has been one of the most striking crime trends of recent years: a decline in murders between romantic partners, and, it appears, in domestic violence in general.

Experts have tracked the drop in domestic murders over nearly three decades now, noting an especially sharp drop in the murder rate between husbands and wives.

National crime data released last week show that although murders between spouses increased slightly in 2000, the numbers remain close to a 25-year low at an estimated 900 a year. That's down nearly 60 percent from the more than 2,000 that occurred yearly in the late 1970s.

Murders between unmarried lovers have also fallen, to an estimated 732 in 2000, down from about 900 in the mid-1980s.

And, according to the results of a U.S. Department of Justice survey to be made public Monday, the overall rate of violence against women from spouses, lovers and estranged partners has declined 41 percent since 1993, to about six victims per 1,000 women.

While reported incidents of violence provide only a rough measure of domestic violence, the newest data seem to indicate what some researchers have long suspected: That falling domestic murder rates may indicate that fewer people are getting injured in the context of love relationships. Some experts say the numbers indicate a genuine shift in the underlying social environment not just temporary demographic changes.

They point to factors such as heightened public consciousness, new laws and the diminished availability of handguns in some urban areas.

The decline is also a little celebrated byproduct of rising divorce rates, which allows people to flee bad marriages more readily, they say.

"There is absolutely no doubt about the drop," said criminology professor Richard Rosenfeld at the University of Missouri, St. Louis. "It has been so consistent for so long and is so substantial that the only argument about it is why it is happening."

Although the homicide rate is dropping, it is declining much faster for men than women.

Even though domestic-violence advocacy work largely has been carried out by women, for women, it is men who have benefited most. Abusive relationships once nearly as dangerous for men as women in terms of homicide risk are now relatively much more risky for women.

Although the number of women killed by partners or former partners has declined 25 percent nationwide since the mid 1970s, the number of men killed by their wives or girlfriends has declined much more steeply nearly 70 percent, from nearly 1,400 a year to less than 500, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Women are now more than twice as likely as men to be killed by a romantic partner.

Most experts think the reason is that battered women today are less likely to kill their abusers in self-defense. The so-called "burning bed" murder, made famous by a 1984 television movie starring Farrah Fawcett, is much less common today.

Women simply have more options now, said Northeastern University criminal justice professor James Alan Fox, citing shelters, transition programs, hot lines and restraining orders. Giving women other exits has meant that fewer resort to killing men.

Lynn Rosenthal, executive director of the National Network to End Domestic Violence, offers a tempered view of the movement's success.

"We have put some Band-Aids in place," she said. "Fewer and fewer women are in that very desperate situation where there is no way to escape. ... But we have a very long way to go."

In twist of fate, foreigners help defend U.S. soil

ELIZABETH SHOGREN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

ABOARD NATO 25-When flying missions over the war-ravaged Balkans in recent years, the notion that their next assignment would be to America's heartland could not have been further from the minds of members of NATO's elite Airborne Early Warning force.

"I didn't even know where Oklahoma was," a German surveillance specialist named Mike admitted sheepishly as the NATO AWACS surveillance plane cruised toward the East Coast from its temporary post at Oklahoma's Tinker Air Force Base.

In fact, some of the corps' highly trained specialists had an image of the United States as a military superpower so formidable that it would never need assistance especially not to defend its homeland.

"I was never in the States, but my impression was that America has everything they've got all kinds of weapons. They can do everything themselves," said Mike, 30, who like other crew members on a recent NATO flight was forbidden for security reasons from giving his last name or hometown. Indeed, many of the operational details of the mission such as the exact location of the patrol were secret.

Despite the incredulity of many of the NATO crew members, they are now an integral part of an unprecedented U.S. military mission to protect the president and the people of the United States from future terrorist attacks, according to NATO and American commanders.

Their plane is one of five NATO AWACS aircraft that since Oct. 15 have been participating in "Noble Eagle," the surveillance of U.S. airspace that has been under way continuously since Sept. 11.

Their job is to work with military ground radar stations and civilian air traffic controllers to detect any malicious or errant aircraft and then direct fighter jets to intercept them.

The crews were deployed in the wake of the September terrorist attacks after NATO, for the first time, invoked Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty, which says that an attack against any member nation is an attack against all of them.

AWACS, which stands for Airborne Warning and Control System, give military strategists a bird's-eye view that ground stations cannot provide. The most distinctive feature of the modified Boeing 707s is a disc-shaped antenna that stretches 30 feet in diameter above the fuselage. The NATO AWACS corps, based in Geilenkirchen, Germany, is the alliance's only multinational flying unit, with participants from 12 of NATO's 19 member nations, including the United States.

The U.S. fleet of 32 AWACS was stretched thin by the multiple demands of a war in Afghanistan, patrols over northern and southern Iraq and homeland defense. So Washington called on NATO for backup.

On the recent flight over the East Coast a sortie dubbed NATO 25 a Belgian pilot, an Italian co-pilot, a Norwegian navigator, a Canadian radar specialist and 10 other crew members from a variety of nations glided over the American landscape.

File Photo

Ten days into their mission, the NATO crew members were still marveling about the unusual experience of patrolling a nation free of traditional warfare.

The "bad guys" they hunt for on their monitors are more likely to be commercial jets than fighter planes. There is no front line or border to guard. And the biggest threats they have faced in Oklahoma were a tornado and fast food.

For the U.S. members of the NATO force many of whom spent several years assigned to Tinker there is the added twist of being sent back home for active duty.

"I never thought that in my military career I'd leave my family in Germany and come back and do this," said J.R., 38, a weapons controller, who met and married his wife in Oklahoma. "I also didn't think I'd ever fly defensive missions over the United States. We always fly missions over other countries in trouble."

Like several other members of the crew, J.R. is impatient to fly sorties over Afghanistan.

In a war theater, J.R.'s job would be to direct fighter jets to their targets on the ground or guide them as they intercept enemy planes or missiles.

"I feel like I'm on the Super Bowl team but I can't travel for the big game," J.R. said. "I'm missing out on that."

But Jason, 30, who is one of the several crew members who studies radar screens for unidentified or hostile planes, believes that no mission could be more important than his current assignment.

"After the terrorist attacks happened, it seems that this is just as important as fighting a war," Jason said. "We're the eyes in the sky for our family members."

As their aircraft flew above cities, farmland and forests, the cockpit crew talked about how gratifying it was for them to be asked to come to America's aid.

"I know it might sound silly but when we arrived in the United States and the general was waiting to welcome me, I felt like your guys must have felt during World War II," said Luigi, the Italian co-pilot. "Of course I cannot compare it you did so much in World War II. But I felt that kind of satisfaction: I felt somebody needed my help. It was very gratifying."

Refugees organize to educate Afghan women

Edward A Gargan
Newsday

KHAIWA, Pakistan - Beyond the billowing dust and coal-black smoke of a brickyard rise the pale beige adobe walls of the Khaiwa Afghan refugee camp.

Fortlike, the walls enclose a bit of Afghanistan in exile.

It is an Afghanistan unlike the country across the border, where the fundamentalist Taliban regime has virtually imprisoned women in their homes, draped them in head-to-toe drapes called burqas, forbidden girls to attend school and banned women from the workplace.

Here, along dust-choked alleyways, young girls saunter to class clutching booklets. Women head to work. And on a hardscrabble playground, boys and girls tumble about together, some kicking a ragged soccer ball.

Behind the walls, women plan missions into Afghanistan to educate girls in secret home-based schools, organize medical teams for women and work out ways to spread literacy in a country where less than 5 percent of the women are thought to be able to read.

These subversives work for a group called the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan.

"We believe it's impossible to have women's rights with the fundamentalists in power," said a 28-year-old who goes by the nom de guerre Sahar Sabha.

"Between the Taliban and the parties that went before them, what is now the Northern Alliance, there is no difference in their mentality and outlook.

"How many girls have committed suicide after being raped, kidnapped, beaten, abused by these commanders who are now part of the Northern Alliance or the Taliban?" she said. "They have destroyed our country, our schools, our museums, our universities, our roads, everything."

Like other women who work with the association, Sabha has smuggled herself into Afghanistan repeatedly to encourage women to organize themselves secretly to resist the Taliban.

Sefora Wali, who looks more worn than her 30 years, has been inside Afghanistan frequently to organize home-based literacy classes, handicraft workshops and mobile medical units, all beneath the noses of the ubiquitous Taliban religious police.

"Of course there is danger to life," Wali said. "Everyone who is educated and works for the rights of women is in danger from the Taliban. But I will struggle for the rights of the Afghan people and women until we get it. I was educated by my sisters in Afghanistan, and I want them to be educated."

A deeply traditional society, Afghanistan began slowly to change in the mid-20th century. Under Mohammed Zahir Shah, the king who was overthrown in 1973 and is now exiled in Italy, women were encouraged to participate fully in public life, attend universities and fill government jobs. In rural areas, the grip of traditional culture remained strong.

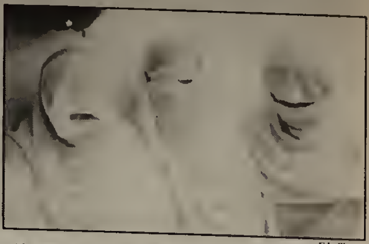
After decades of war and five years of rule by the Taliban regime, the plight of women in Afghanistan has deteriorated dramatically. Deprived of the right to work, to an education, to any public liberty, women have vanished from visible Afghan society.

But not here, in the Khaiwa refugee camp.

At the Nassima Shaheed School for girls here, students sit on cushioned mats, their teachers husbanding precious chalk pieces they use to scratch the day's lesson on blackboards. "Today I am teaching physics," said a gaunt, bespectacled teacher. "I am teaching them about different kinds of waves, radio waves, sound waves."

On their laps, the girls worked with flimsy, mimeographed copies of textbooks, including "Physics for Eighth Grade," published by the International Rescue Committee.

In the next chamber, Mullah Sayeed Hasheem was teaching 20 girls the Koran. "We want to teach girls," he said, a comment starkly at odds with the anti-intellectualism of the Taliban. "It will make them a good person and good for the future of their homeland."



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Altogether 450 girls study at the Nassima Shaheed School, said Abida Mansour, the principal. Like all at the school, Mansour is a refugee from Afghanistan.

"At the time of the king there was freedom for women, freedom to be educated," she said. "We could work anywhere, as a policeman, a doctor, a teacher or in a factory. What we want is for Zahir Shah to bring back the good things we had once."

The women's association also runs an orphanage for girls who have lost their families. The oldest is 19 and the youngest 6. A single boy, Anwar, 6, huddles against his freckle-faced sister.

Damish, 15, tells the story of how her father was killed. "They burned him to death and took his body in front of our house," she said. "They told my mother her husband was home, but there was just his burned body." And then she stopped, bent over at the waist and sobbed, tears falling into her scarf.

Here, too, unlike the ethnic chauvinism of the Taliban regime, which is narrowly based in the Pashtun ethnic group, the Khaiwa camp is a melange of the Afghan people. The mix is reflected in a palette of skin colors, from the pale white of the Hazara to the dark olive ethnic Tajiks, and a rainbow of eye colors, from deep brown to green to pale gray.

"Why are we so open-minded here?" said Dr. Qaeeum, 40, the camp's physician. "There are all sorts of people here. In the past, people have been totally brainwashed by religion. Now people here are educated. They are broad-minded people."

Qaeeum stood up from behind the simple wooden desk in a rough-walled brick room that serves as his clinic and his office. "I have a new daughter, just 1 month old," he said. "I want her to be educated from cradle to grave. I want her to get a Ph.D."

In Arab world, suppression of dissent sparks extremism

Karl Vick
The Washington Post

CAIRO, Egypt - The students of Cairo University held a protest earlier this month. Mounted against the U.S. airstrikes in Afghanistan, it was, like everything even remotely political in Egypt, nothing so much as controlled.

The students chanted. The police looked on. But the heady satisfaction of giving voice to conviction remained securely contained within university gates, which remained closed throughout the midday demonstration.

"Inside the university, people are very free, but outside they're very secretive," said Moustafa Mahmoud, a science student. "If a person can't give his opinions, there's a lot of fear in him, and it will make him move underground."

In searching for the origins of Islamic extremism in the Arab world, many analysts point to the considerable restraints that autocratic governments impose on political expression. Without Western recognition of a single Arab government as a real democracy, and without serious opposition brooked in most of them, frustrated activists say dissent has been channeled into the only arena that remains relatively open religion.

"Politics is prohibited in this society in general," said Hafez Abu Saada, secretary general of the Egyptian Organization for Human Rights, which the government has refused to give legal standing. "But the government can't close the mosque. If you can't gather people to discuss issues in the appropriate place, such as the headquarters of the opposition party, the only place you can gather people is the mosque."

The rise of "political Islam" has many roots, analysts note, including the guidelines for political behavior in the Koran. The prophet Muhammad's call for shura, or consultation between the ruler and the ruled, has been called in the Muslim world the "essence" of democracy. Modern political Islam is sometimes influenced as well by many Muslims' perception of Western institutions and culture as hollow.

Egypt, with 70 million people, is by far the largest Arab country and among the most closely aligned with the West. It has a parliament, but opposition parties hold few seats; the ruling National Party is answerable mainly to the military-backed government of President Hosni Mubarak.

Criticism of government policies is allowed, but challenges to reform the fundamentals of the system are discouraged, sometimes with force and prison terms. With firm control of parliament and the electoral system, Mubarak has faced no substantial electoral challenge to his authority in 20 years.

In that political environment, ordinary citizens and activists say the absence of any other outlet for civic expression leads increasing numbers of people to view religion as the frame for politics. And for a small minority, that politics includes terrorism.

"Of course losing your freedom attracts you to being violent," said Mohamad Al-Hodhaibi, a senior official of the Muslim Brotherhood, a movement that originally sprang up against British colonial rule. The Brotherhood, which though technically outlawed manages to field candidates for parliament using the slogan "Islam is the Solution," is widely regarded here as the most formidable internal opposition to Mubarak's government.

A Western diplomat who tracks radical groups said extremism tends to be rooted in illiteracy and poverty, especially in Upper Egypt, the hinterlands upstream on the Nile.

"These organizations that recruit people are offering people either a better life or a better afterlife," the diplomat said. "If they had more political dialogue here, would they still have terrorism? I personally believe they would still have terrorism."

The diplomat was less dismissive of the contention that U.S. support for unpopular Arab governments fuels the widespread impression that the United States regards Arabs as second-class citizens. "Democracy for the Jews," Saada, the human rights official, said of Israel, "but not for the Arabs."

Cairo residents acknowledge their frustration warily.

"Shall I say my opinion? I won't be arrested? Because anyone who says their opinion gets arrested," said Farid Sayed Ibrahim, one of a dozen unemployed men idling outside a mosque in Cairo's Nasser City neighborhood. "If I say the truth they'll take us all in a group out of here."

Saada, also a human rights attorney, said the mosque was near the location where Egyptian security forces had swept up about 70 suspected Muslim radicals a month earlier, charging them with raising money for extremist causes. Police said they were members of a new group called Al Waad, Arabic for "the Promise," that an Egyptian newspaper linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist organization.

The unemployed men said they knew nothing of the arrests or the group.

Western diplomats dismissed the reported link to al-Qaida, as well as reports that the group plotted against U.S. targets in Egypt. Saada, who is representing one of the group's alleged leaders, said two suspects who the government announced had been trained as pilots had in fact been arrested well before the sweep against Al Waad.

Since the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States, worshipers have been urged to leave their mosques immediately after Friday prayers, rather than linger in groups, lest they form the core of a protest. University students say they get the same rush treatment when a class ends.

The demonstrations that offer young idealists at least the opportunity to vent do not satisfy the craving for real political involvement, several students said in interviews.

Khalid Mohamad, a 20-year-old business student, complained of the government's constant "effort to push the youth away from politics. The youth have a lot of energy inside them, and they have to find a way to express it ... It's boiling inside the heart."

Are all players valued equally?

This past weekend, I made a trip to WSC along with my brothers and sister to watch WSC play Mount Ida. We came as nur nephew is on the football team. He is on the 2nd string and does not see much playing time. He had tnld thc entire family that the 2nd string would probably see some playing time during the 2nd half of the game as Mount Ida was the weakest team on the schedule.

Last Saturday was a beautiful day and we found there were a number of other "2nd string" families sitting around us who had come to this game hoping to see their sons and/or relatives play. WSC was up twenty something to nothing entering the 3rd quarter. At the beginning of the 4th quarter the score was 28-0. People were anxiously awaiting the insertion of the 2nd string players.

This came with about a minute left in the game. Some 2nd string players got in for a play or two, others did not even step foot on the field. WSC won 28-7. Having played and coached organized sports for most of my life I know that a coach must often sit hardworking and less talented players for the good of the team. I cannot, however, understand the reasoning behind WSC coach's decision not tn allow more playing time for the 2nd string when playing one of the least talented teams WSC would face all year. This is even more perplexing considering the score.

After the game our family went out to dinner. My nephew told us not tn bother coming to the remaining games. He explained that the next teams to be played were very talented, and he had no expectation of playing. He understands the need of playing the 1st string in these types of games. As we waited for a table, I over heard other players telling their families the same.

The bottom line is that the coach, although coaching a good game and coming home with another nice win, forgot a cardinal point of coaching. That is motivation. From what I heard in the restaurant, many players' perception was that they were of no value to the team other than as practice players. Unfortunately, for athletes and people in general, perception is often as good as the truth. Will these 2nd string players be back to step up next year? Time will tell.

James McVail

Kevin's Korner

KEVIN HEATON

Local elections are being beld this week, and I'd like to urge everyone to please vote. This is a more important time than ever to get involved in our democracy. Basic American liberties are being threatened, thanks to Bush's "Anti-Terrorism" Bill. The government has been given broad surveillance and seizure powers. While the President claims to be "defending freedom" be is threatening the essential ideals of our country.

Ironically, this is the kind of thing those who attacked our country on September 11th wanted. Terrorists like them want to see our country retreat from its basic principles. Let's not let that happen!

Good luck to everyone with registering for classes! This school makes the process quite difficult, especially since they have such a broad core and not enough faculty to teach all the classes. Many students are forced to spend an extra semester, or longer, here because they can't meet all of the requirements in four years. The Administration would rather pad their pockets with as much money as possible, than have students graduate when they wish to.

This isn't entirely a reflection on the school, but on society as a whole. All too often, money is seen as the only standard of achieving happiness and success. People with lots of money are looked up to, and envied, and those with little money are looked down on and pitied. However, those with less money may, in some ways, be better off than those with lots of it.

People in countries with less money place more value on less superficial ideals. Many of them hold the family and togetherness as the most important aspects of life. The West, on the other hand, is more egocentric and individualistic.

These values are reflected in our Government's foreign policies. US Forces have invaded Guatemala and Panama, and bombed Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Iraq, and now Afghanistan to "protect our interests." This is always at the expense of innocent people. What kind of values does this show?

The US Government should seriously rethink its foreign policies and value system. Are we fighting for everyone's freedom, or just that of certain people? During this crucial time, please urge the President and Congress to do this. History will be the final judge.

K. Heaton is a Voice columnist

Bin Laden's warrior image largely a myth

By Stanley Bedlington
Washington Post

Nobody who's seen it forgets the image of the man on the video: the apparently indomitable Arab veteran seated at the mouth of a cave, deriding Americans, "the cowards of this age", for being "full of fear" while threatening further violence.

But Osama bin Laden's no fighter. The release of the video, as well as the publication of numerous staged photographs of the terrorist leader in military fatigues, crouching on one knee and pointing his AK-47 at an unseen target, reflect his desire to create a myth of himself as a warrior.

CIA operatives who ran the covert campaign to arm the mujaheddin, or guerrilla forces, against the Soviets in the 1980s tell another story: The Arab volunteers bin Laden joined contributed little; the fighting fell mainly to the Afghans. At best, CIA operatives say, bin Laden may have fired a few rounds in self-defense. They attest instead to the wealthy Saudi exile's proclivity for the role he plays today: raising money and using it to advance his terrorist campaign.

It's become increasingly clear, ever since bin Laden's threat came to my attention in the late '80s, that he's bent on enhancing his reputation by building myths about himself. We must puncture those myths, both to enhance our understanding of what we're up against and to enlighten the people over whom bin Laden holds sway.

There can be little doubt that bin Laden's really a master of planning, and that his ambitions are limitless. His modus operandi is already familiar: He devises an attack, then provides guidance about the timing and location, but otherwise remains aloof from danger. That's why I call him a "facilitator"; a description that echoes one of bin Laden's preferred code names, "The Contractor."

One of bin Laden's strategies has been to mix his real motivations with goals designed to appeal to wide swaths of disaffected Muslims. He's talked for several years about his desire to expel U.S. forces from Saudi Arabia, and has expressed real anger at the pollution of that country's holiest sites, Mecca and Medina, by the presence in the region during the Persian Gulf War of hundreds of thousands of non-Muslims. More recently, he's spoken out about the plight of Palestinians, but I believe he's done so out of expediency, seeing in the Palestinian cause a means of attracting Muslim recruits.

Bin Laden's ambitions, personal and social, are greater. Bin Laden wants to be portrayed in the Islamic world as a latter-day caliph, or supreme ruler, in the image of the Prophet Muhammad's successors, a figure who can unite all of Islam.

Perhaps just as important as his egotism is bin Laden's ardent desire to halt the flood of American popular culture into the Islamic world. He sees Islam under assault from secularized modernity led by America and by corrupt Arab governments and monarchies.

That's not to suggest that bin Laden's in tune with the beliefs of modern Islam. By choosing to obey and enforce the harsh laws of Pashtun village elders, bin Laden and his Taliban comrades are divorcing themselves from the majority of Muslims. He finds company in a line of extremists dating back to the Kharijites, who emerged within decades of the Prophet Mohammed's death. While the scale of bin Laden's violence may be unprecedented, his philosophy of violence is nothing new. Echoing the words of George Habbash, former leader of the terrorist group known as the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, who warned several years ago that "in this war, no one is neutral, no one is innocent," bin Laden recently said that "in the name of retaliation there are no innocents."

Bin Laden ignores the Koran when it suits him. Even in the heat of battle, Islam requires that certain moral inhibitions be maintained: "Fight in the cause of God those who fight you," the Koran demands, "but do not transgress limits, for God loves not the transgressor." In other words, a Muslim can fight back provided it is in defense of Islam, but the indiscriminate slaughter of innocents, whether Muslims or non-Muslims, is not permissible. Compare these to bin Laden's own religious rules: "We do not differentiate between ... military and civilians."

The willingness of bin Laden to transgress strict Koranic injunctions is seemingly boundless. If there were any question about whether he believes the ends of his strategy justify his means, his fascinatioo with weapons of mass destruction should lay it to rest. We have strong evidence that at one secret laboratory at the Abu Shahab camp in Afghanistan, research has been conducted on chemical and nerve gases. The State Department's latest annual report on international terrorism states that al Qaida "continues to seek chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear capabilities."

This willingness to create his own myths, to endorse mass murder as part of his jihad, may be bin Laden's Achilles' heel. His horrendous acts sadden and anger the majority of Muslims around the world. They're infuriated to see bin Laden treat violence as an integral part of Islam, and they shudder at his willingness to mold Islamic thinking to suit his own goals, seeing in it the risks of his achieving the title of caliph and thereby wielding immense political power.

There's no precedent, no authority in Islam for the slaughter bin Laden perpetrated on that bright September morning. His death may yet be within reach of American forces overseas, but the downfall of his philosophy of terror may lie in the hope that people increasingly see through the myth of religiously sanctioned invincibility that bin Laden has woven.

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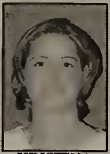
Nose Knows...maybe

This past week, I attended a forum where recovering alcoholics spoke to the students of Westfield State College. There were eight speakers that were in the program at the Western Massachusetts Correctional Alcohol Center, a.k.a. "Howard Street." There were also two people that ran the program that have been sober for quite some time now. They are past graduates of Westfield State. It took one individual 9 years to graduate, but they did. After having to deal with their problems, they now consider themselves to be successful. Not only at their jobs, but at not drinking.


KRISTINA MARTINELLI

I went to the forum at the request of my RA. There were quite a few people from Lammers' towers attending. It was like a section event. Anyway, I went and started to listen to the stories that the people had.

There were two females that I heard speak that were involved in vehicular homicides. They were behind the wheel and caused the death of another unsuspecting person while they were under the influence of alcohol. One of the two said how they will deal with this everyday of their life, that the thoughts of what she has done is worse than any punishment anyone could have sentenced her too. The other woman spoke of how her son had written to her after the incident and told her how disappointed he was of her.

I was only able to stay to hear the first six out of the ten speakers, but I definitely heard the message they were sending. Each one was regretful of the life they had lived on alcohol and they wished that they could get that life to relive again. They also stated that they wished that someone had come in at their age and spoken to them and told them their stories. They might not have been in the place that they are in now.

I was glad to see that there were quite a few people in attendance, although I'm sure some of the people who really needed to hear this weren't there. It wasn't even like the speakers were preaching about how people shouldn't drink. They told their stories and just wanted people to know what could happen to them if they live a similar life.

Another thing I heard in the forum didn't come from the speakers at the podium. It came from people sitting in the seats around me. It was a certain kind of criticism and joking. I even saw people across the room laughing, not at the few jokes cracked by the speakers either. I couldn't believe it. I actually heard people around me saying that they were going to have a few that night. Even if they were, they should have had enough respect to not discuss it at that time.

I was disgusted, and I knew then what the next topic was for my column. The lack of respect in the room that day was overwhelming. There are a lot of people who care these days and people shouldn't reject their attempt to make a difference. If everyone had a little bit more respect for help when it is offered, a lot of problems may be helped in a big way.

K. Martinelli is a Voice columnist

Life (according to me).

If you've paid any attention to my column over the last few semesters, you'll know that I'd like to see people taking more interest in improving the lives of those around them, taking just a few minutes here and there to brighten the day of a neighbor. Well, time and again I hear the excuse that we just don't have the time. Okay, fine. But here's a list of little ways to make a difference that are so effortless, a dead slug could find the initiative to complete at least a couple.

JON SEWELL

Alright, the single easiest way ever to make a small difference in the world is to cruise on over to www.thehungersite.com. C'mon, you don't even need to get out of your chair for this one. Visit the site every day, and just click the little button on the opening screen. Doing so will donate 1.3 cups of food to the hungry. It sounds almost too good (read: easy) to be true, but the more I look into it, the more I'm convinced that it's legit. The site is funded by a number of companies and corporations, the sponsorship revolving daily. Check it out next time you're on the web. Better yet, set it as your homepage, so you'll never forget a day.

Here's a list of little ways to make a difference that are so effortless, a dead slug could find the initiative to complete at least a couple.

So, your designer label, army-styled (that still cracks me up), flared leg, cross cut, pre torn, "dirty" jeans, the very pinnacle of fashion just a short month ago, are suddenly "cut"? Man, who could've seen that coming (oh geez, sorry if any sarcasm dripped right off the page onto your new Abercrombie sweater…)? Well, the question now is, what're you going to do with those jeans? If you're like countless people I see at the end of every school year, you may just throw them and a couple bags worth of perfectly functional clothing into the trash rather than lug it all home for summer. I'm simply awed when I see this. Growing up, I thought it was the norm to donate old clothes, though the more I talk to people, the more I get the impression that doing so is actually uncommon. Well, it took me about a year to find it, but there is a Salvation Army donation bin on campus, out behind Ely. Use it, please. There's also a church right next door, which surely has some means to donate clothing. The drawstring-cargo-messenger-windpants (you know, the ones with the removable legs that convert into a parka?) that you bought three seasons ago may not be of value to you now, but they could mean a lot to so many people less fortunate than any of us.

Hey, did you guys happen to get that cute, heart-warming forwarded chain email thing about the sanctity of the eternal friendship-bond, the one that likened your life-long pals to guardian angels? You did? Yeah, well, so did I…about three dozen times. Sure, forwarding it to about forty or fifty of your very closest friends is, um, sweet (cough cough inane banality cough), but think about how cool it felt last time you received a hand written note in the old fashioned snail mail. Go out to the drug store, grab some cheap stationary, and drop an old friend or relative an actual note, just to let them know you're thinking of them. Pick one night a week, and take five minutes to write a single message. God knows, nobody seems to leave their rooms on Wednesdays. You can easily write a letter during a commercial break between Dawson's and Felicity. It'll show a touch of class not often displayed anymore, and will let your friends know that you're willing to go beyond just clicking "forward message" to show them you care.

Next time you're carrying your trash out, if you see someone else's garbage bag sitting outside their door, snag it and bring it with you. Seeing as you're headed that way anyhow, it involves absolutely no extra work, and will save someone else the trip. And this winter, when you shovel out your car, maybe you can shovel out the one next to you as well. Oh, by the way, make a point of doing it anonymously. Don't just help someone out because you want to be recognized as a nice guy who does things for other people. Do it because you ARE a nice guy who WANTS to do things for other people. See the difference?

Tip extra when you go out to eat. Always. My theory is this: by dropping a couple extra dollars on the table, I'm probably not putting myself into debt (well, no more than I already am). Those two dollars, though, could totally make your server's day. What if the service wasn't all that great? Well, maybe he or she was in a bad mood because their last party jipped them. Maybe your generosity will improve their attitude towards the next group. Now, you're not only helping out the waitress, but you're making someone else's dining experience better. Two for the (very low) price of one. Not a bad deal.

Okay, let's say you just go nuts one day and decide to do ALL the items on this here list. All together, it'd take you maybe an hour. An hour, out of an entire weekend. If we can't afford that, well, I'm not sure what else to say.

Thanks for reading, and I'll see you next week.

J. Sewell is a Voice columnst

Commuter Events

Tuesday, Nov. 13

Resume & Cover Letter Critique

11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wilson Taco Bell Lounge

Staff from office of Career Services will be available at a table to edit and critique your resume and/or cover letters. No appointement necessary. Just bring your rough drafts to the lounge and walk away with a final draft ready to go.

Wednesday, November 14

Non-Traditional Student Meeting

12:30 p.m.

Ely 130

Are you a non-traditional student interested in connecting with other non-traditional students at the College? Please come to this open meeting to meet others who share a common experience.

The Third World Organization Presents
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Third World Room
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Sigma Tau Delta
English Honor Society
will hold its next meeting
on Wed., Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. in
Bates 119 (Bates Lounge)

Remembered Pasts

COLLIN PROCTOR

"Remembered Pasts" is a story written by student Collin Proctor. Each week a new chapter appears in The Campus Voice.

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12. The Shot Heard Round the World

"So, you're all packed and ready for your big trip?" Mike took Jen's overnight bag from her hand and they walked inside.

"It took forever to fit everything I own in that car." They got inside and Mike put the bag down. He put his arms around her and gave her a deep kiss. He wouldn't notice her lack of response. He stared at her.

"I've wanted to do that for a long time " He grabbed her bag and brought it into the bedroom.

"Hey, Mike, just to let you know, I have to leave early tomorrow "

"That's fine," Mike said as he came back into the living room, "We can go to sleep whenever you want. You have a busy day tomorrow. Are you hungry?"

"Not really but I should eat something, "

"Do you want to get pizza and a movie?" Mike asked. "It will be a nice relaxed romantic night."

"Sure" she said and started towards the door. They spent the early night together. Mike felt an uncomfortable sensation in his stomach, like someone jammed all his insides into his stomach. He assumed it was because be was just as nervous about Jen's trip as she appeared to he. They went to bed that night, and Mike forgot all his worries when he had his arms around her.

He woke up as the sun was coming up, and noticed Jen was not in the bed. He got up and went into the living room. She was sitting on the couch crying, with her head in her hands. She was dressed, and looked like she was ready to go. There was a pen and paper on the table.

"Hey babe, what's wrong." Mike walked over to her and started rubbing her shoulders. "It will be OK. Don't be nervous. I'll be down soon." Mike took her by the shoulder and helped her stand up. He put his arms around her and tried to comfort her. "It'll be OK." They sat there for a few minutes with Jen slowly starting to cry harder.

"I'm sorry," Jen whispered.

"Don't be sorry. It's OK to be nervous. I'm here to help take care of you when you're scared,"

Jen pushed off of him, "That's not what I'm sorry about. God, why are you so nice? I... "

"What are you sorry about?" Mike felt confused. That ball in his stomach got tighter and tighter. "What was that? I didn't here you," Mikes asked. He felt the ball in his stomach explode.

"I said I'm sorry that I can't be with you anymore."

"What?" Mike sat down.

"Look, were gonna be miles apart," Jen was pacing now, looking down, "and it was hard enough when we were only an hour away. And I'm starting a new life, and you're going to Ireland, going into your senior year."

"I'm losing you?" Mike looked sick

"No, you're not losing me. Just, we need a break. I'm sorry. Say something," Jen moved over to Mike. She kneeled in front of him.

Mike could not remember the last time he cried. He couldn't tell if the tears were flowing down his face right now. He just stared at the paper on the table. The ball in his stomach was gone.

Mike almost wished it was there, so he would not feel so empty inside. He looked up into her eyes and the tears dried up. All Mike could think of is how to make her feel better. He felt like dying when he saw her cry. How could he take her pain away?

"If you need to do this, then do it." Mike choked out. Jen meekly smiled.

"I'm sorry Mike, but I do. I'm sorry." They sat in silence for what seemed like forever. "I guess I better leave." Jen got up.

"Ok"

Jen grabbed her bag. "Mike, I still love you."

"I love you too."

Jen walked out the door. Mike spent the rest of the morning staring at the paper.

Check in next week for Chapter 13

Ryan Adams strikes "Gold"

JON SEWELL

If you've ever talked to me for more than fifteen seconds, you've probably heard me mention the name Ryan Adams. The 26 year old first gained notoriety as the frontman for the now splintered alternative country band Whiskeytown. He then earned critical acclaim, if not commercial success, for his first solo album, last year's Heartbreaker.

I eagerly awaited his new album, entitled Gold, all summer. I first saw the album cover, which features Adams, head bowed, standing in front of an upside down American flag, back in August. Come September 11th, the CD seemed frighteningly prophetic, especially considering that the first track is a tribute to New York City.

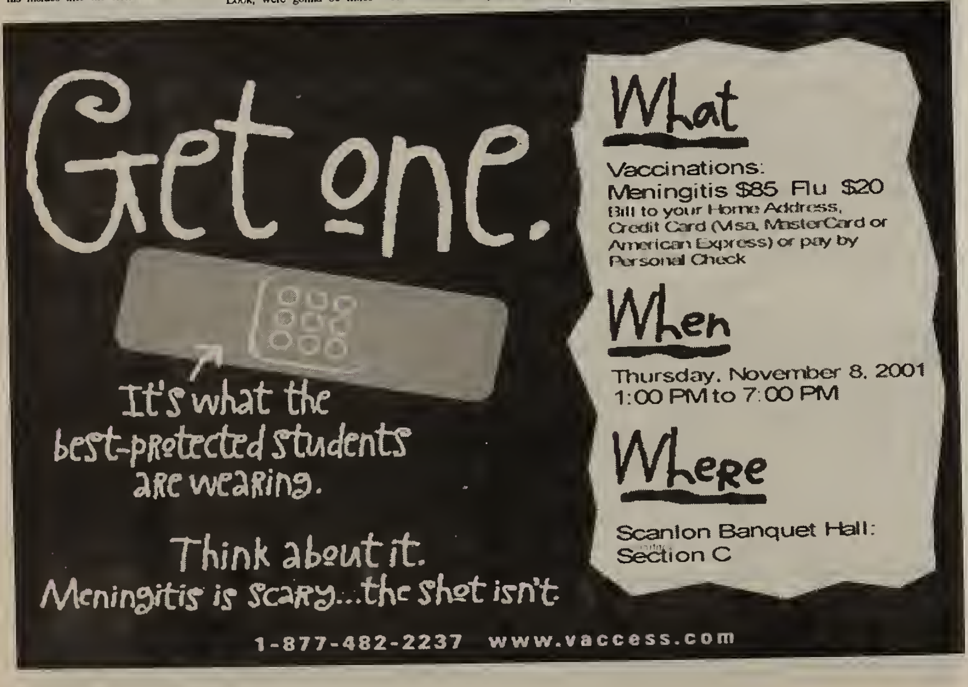
Gold is a much different disc than Heartbreaker. It's a heavier, more elaborately produced album, most of the songs referencing the three cities he's called home in the past couple years, rather than his usual fare of heartache and lonliness. Electric guitars are featured far more often, and it's reported that Adams used a pick for the first time in ages.

The first track, "New York New York", is far poppier than his usual work. Still, his masterful songwriting can be heard throughout. "Found myself a picture that would fit in the folds/of my wallet and it stayed pretty good/Still amazed I didn't lose it on the roof of the place/when I was drunk and I was thinking of you". He makes use of simple chords and unorthodox word choices to literally paint pictures with his songs.

"New York New York" is a hard song to follow, but track two, entitled "Firecracker", somehow manages. It blends his new poppier style with the older, acoustic and harmonica sound that is his trademark. "Everybody wants to go forever/I just wanna burn out hard and bright/I just wanna be your firecracker/and maybe be your baby tonight".

Ryan shows that he hasn't forgotten his melancholy roots with "La Cienga Just Smiled", "When the Stars Go Blue" and "Nobody Girl", while "Enemy Fire" is one of the heavier, electric based songs that represent the current trend in his live shows. Finally, towards the end of the disc, is "Tina Toledo's Street Walkin' Blues". If I had been told that it was an unknown Stones song, I would have believed it, as the sound is so similar in style. It simply rocks.

Suddenly, Ryan Adams is all over the place, from Maxim, to Rolling Stone, to the Late Show. He's fast on the rise. Sometimes I fear that it's a bit too fast for the often shy seeming Adams. I don't see him having an ordinary career. I could see him following fellow roots rocker Neil Young, leaving a long legacy of vastly different albums. Or, he could be another Kurt Cobain. After all, Adams himself claims to want to "burn out hard and bright". Either way, it'll be quite a ride. Buy this amazing album today, and be a part of it.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WSKB Weekly Spotlight

Jon Sewell

Jed Dion
A&E Editor

Start the week off right with Jon Sewell, who bits the airwaves every Monday afternoon from 6PM to 8PM. Sewell has been with the station for 4 semesters, and now serves as the station's program director.

"I play a wide variety of stuff...a lot of singer/songwriters like Ryan Adams, Elliot Smith, and John Mayer. I'll usually play at least half an hour of Alternative Country, too, bands like Wilco, Son Volt and Acoustic Junction. I also try fitting in a bunch of random rock, ska, punk, rockabilly, and jazz tunes" said Sewell. The show is quite a mix of music.

"I've always had an interest in a wide variety of music. I like people to keep an open mind to it. If you do, you might just find something you like, even if you don't see them hanging out with Carson on MTV" snid Sewell.

As Program Director, Sewell was in charge of putting together the schedule of radio shows. With a stack of applications in hand, Sewell did his very hest to fit everyone who applied into a time slot.

"If you kinda shift your gaze downward about six inches, you'll see a WSKB schedule. Notice that we still have a bunch of morning slots open. If anyone is interested in doing a show, we'll do our best to get you on the uir," said Sewell.

Besides monkeying around with schedules nnd spinning records on the WSKB air waves, Sewell enjoys playing guitar, writing, playing video games and is also involved in the boxing and martial arts clubs on campus.

Sewell is a fifth year Senior majoring in Pyschology and soon to declare a History Minor.

"I think that after I graduate, I'm going to work with Res Life at some eollege or another. One benefit of that is the oppertunity to stay with college radio, even if as an advisor,"

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The Three

CHRIS PINEO

The Three is a story written by student Chris Pineo. Each week a new chapter appears in the Campus Voice.

Chapter 6

After settling in at my desk, I set in motion the train of consequences that would eventually lead to the reaming I would sustain at the hands of the editor. I picked up the phone and dialed the in house number to the secretary of my department.

"Hi George. I'm E-mailing you some info on a contact. See if you can set me up an interview with this Jewel guy, today if possible. I'd do it myself but I have a number of other things that I have to take care of," I waited for his response and continued.

"Thanks George. Yes, I do appreciate the help you give me. Goodbye."

I had to find out more about Pegasus before I continued the investigation. I logged onto the net for some info. It turns out that it wasn't as hard to find information on it as Mercury had made it seem. I began taking notes on my word processing program.

The company turned out to be one of those huge vertically integrated firms like Disney, where they have a number of holdings in different fields to maximize productivity and income. Where the mouse company would own theaters, TV stations, and ad agencies to maximize distribution, Pegasus owned gas stations, mechanic shops, and oil corporations to help corner the market. Their holdings (or those that had been published on the web) were far more extensive than that, but this essentially conveys the idea. Mercury did say something about "if it flies, floats, or drives." I had to look deeper.

I did a search on a number of domestic airlines that I know of. Upon very detailed inspection of one site in particular I found the name Pegasus mentioned in an article on the owner of the company. Apparently they had holdings in the company giving Pegasus representation on the board of trustees.

Then as I was doing searches on trustees by name my computer screen started to blink. Then this screen came up that said, "an error of type 00123 has occurred." My computer locked up, and I had to restart.

"God damn it! Screw!" I let loose with a slew of swears that would make Lucifer blush. After my outburst of obscenity, I called the computer technician for my department, "Hi Nancy. My computer is screwing up on me. Is there a problem with the server or something? Is anyone else having trouble?"

Apparently I was alone. There where no other reports of computer trouble of this nature anywhere else in the building. As I contemplated the fact that my computer had been specifically targeted, my phone rang and the answering machine picked up. After the beep I heard, "This is George. I set up that interview you needed. Mr. Jewel said he needs you to go down to his office for it."

This was just another thing to busy-ify my day. But there remained a distinct possibility that Steven Jewel had exactly the information I needed.

-Tune in next week for Chapter 7of The Three

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Men's Soccer Quietly Keeps Winning

By Mickey Curtis, SID

There is a Westfield State varsity sports team that has quietly compiled an unbeaten streak of its own.

While the Owls' football team has created quite a stir by running off a school-record eight straight victories in its first eight games, the Westfield State men's soccer team has recovered from from a subpar 2-5 start to go unbeaten in its last nine games.

Westfield State improved to 10-5-1 as sophomore Joe Calabrese of West Springfield and junior Chris Whalley of Southwick scored to lead the streaking Owls to a 2-0 victory over Mass. College in the semifinals of the Mass. State Conference postseason men's soccer tournament on Oct. 31.

The Owls will play Worcester State at Worcester this Saturday evening in a rematch of last year's championship game. Worcester edged Bridgewater, 1-0, in Wednesday's other semifinal matchup. The starting time for the championship game is 6:00 p.m.

Since losing to Worcester State, 1-0, on Sept. 28, the Owls have posted an 8-0-1 record. A solid defense and an ever improving offense have keyed the second-half surge. The Owls have outscored the opposition 24-5 in the past nine games. Conversely, in the first seven games, Westfield was outscored 18-6.

"I'm very proud of the way the team has responded," said fifth-year coach Paul Whalley. "They've worked hard to get to this point. We were a young team that was struggling to find itself as the start of the season, especially playing such a tough nonconference schedule, but their hard work and unselfishness have paid off."

A chief reason it took the Owls a while to get untracked is because they lost their top three scorers from their NCAA Tournament team of a year ago, including third team All American Karl Labadorf, who now serves as Whalley's assistant coach.

But a number of players have picked up the scoring slack, including Calabrese and Whalley, who are tied for the team lead in scoring with 19 points apiece.

In Wednesday's game vs. Mass. College, Whalley assisted on the first goal along with junior Dave Gadouas of Chicopee. Calabrese, the team's leading scorer, put in the goal off the left post from 15 yards out with 2:25 left in the first half. Freshman Steve Jorge of Ludlow assisted on the second goal, a header by Whalley.

The Owls earned the right to host Mass. College in the postseason tournament with a clutch come-from-behind victory over their Western Mass. rivals on Oct. 16. Trailing 1-0, Calabrese scored with a minute left in regulation, then Whalley scored off a direct kick to give the Owls a dramatic 2-1 overtime victory to secure second place in the conference.

Sixteen of Westfield's 25 players roster hail from the Western Mass. area, including five from soccer hotbed Ludlow. Making key contributions off the bench has been freshman defender Keith Richards, a former standout at Westfield High School.

"I know it's a well used cliché, but it's been a total team effort," said Whalley. "A lot of guys have been playing really well for us over the past five or six weeks."

Unlike this season, the Owls won't be able to sneak up on anybody next year, as they only lose one player to graduation - senior goalie D.J. Conway of Springfield.

"The team has shown me a lot of character, especially after our 2-5 record," said Whalley. "And I'm confident the team will respond well to the different set of challenges it will be faced with next season."

Westfield State College senior football players, first row, left to right, are: George Emanuel, Shawn Lyman, Alan Gates, P.J. Lorentzen. Second row: Derek Jeppe, David Eaton, Tim Corr, Pat Swett, Kyle Kostanski.

New England Regional Cross Country Championships - Saturday, Nov. 10
at Stanley Park
Women's Race - 11:00
Men's Race - 12:00

Sophomore Joe Calabrese of West Springfield has emerged as a scoring threat for the Westfield State men's soccer team this season. Calabrese had a team-high eight goals heading into last Saturday's conference championship game at Worcester State. *File Photo By Mickey Curtis*

Owls Edge Nichols To Remain Perfect

DUDLEY, Mass. - The dream season continues for the Westfield State College football team.

Sophomore quarterback Chris Lapointe (Millers Falls) completed 12-of-29 passes for 165 yards and one touchdown, a 14-yard strike to sophomore Matt Yvon (E. Longmeadow) in the fourth quarter, as Westfield State (8-0, 5-0 Bogan Division) recorded its school-record eighth win of the season, 14-7, over Nichols College (5-3, 4-0 Boyd Division).

The big nondivisional road victory by the Owls set up a winner-take-all showdown against Worcester State (9-0, 5-0 Bogan) Nov. 3 in Westfield, with the winner facing Nichols College in the NEFC Championship game on Nov. 10.

Nichols advanced to the championship game as UMass Dartmouth defeated Salve Regina, 19-16.

"We did a great job today," said veteran Westfield State head coach Steve Marino. "A lot of people weren't sure how good we were, but I think we proved today that we can play with the best teams. But we've still got a lot of work to do and we have a tough game ahead of us."

After a slow start, the Owls got on the board first with 11:19 left in the second quarter as senior running back Shawn Lyman (West Springfield, MA) sprinted 13 yards up the middle of the defense to give Westfield a 7-0 lead. Lyman - ranked third nationally in rushing - ran for 83 yards on the day on 25 carries. The seven-play touchdown drive covered 57 yards.

"Our defense (ranked first nationally in total defense) played a good game once again and our offense came around," said Marino. "Chris (Lapointe) struggled at the start but he picked it up in the second half. This was really his first big game."

The Bison managed to tie the game at 7-7 late in the half as senior quarterback Jarrod Rouanzoin (Arvada, Colorado) ran for a five-yard touchdown with 20 seconds remaining. The drive was kept alive twice by crucial Owl penalties inside the red zone.

After a scoreless third quarter, Westfield put together an impressive 14-play, 95-yard drive that was capped off by the Yvon TD reception on a slant pattern in the middle of the endzone.

Yvon finished with six receptions for 81 yards, including three catches on the game-winning drive.

"It's kind of a pick play that we practice all week," said Yvon. "We use it quite a bit in games; it's a timing pattern and Chris just got me the ball."

"We knew we had to get the ball to Matt," said Marino. "He's our top receiver and we finally got him the ball in the second half. But there were some other big catches in that touchdown drive by Kevin Vaughn and Erik Consilvio."

Vaughn, a junior tight end from Chicopee Comp, made a spectacular shoestring catch on third down early in the drive. The 17-yard reception got the Owls out of a deep hole at their own five-yard line. Later in the drive, Lapointe completed a 35-yard pass to sophomore receiver Erik Consilvio on a third-and-21 situation.

The defense took over after the score, limiting Nichols to only 24 yards over the last three drives. Junior linebacker Josue Zamora (Hartford, Conn.) led all players with 13 tackles. Junior end John Cloutier of Chicopee also had a stellar game with five tackles, including three for losses.

Volleyball Advances In Tourney

Women's Volleyball
Westfield 3 - Fitchburg State 0

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State women's volleyball team defeated Fichburg State, 3-0 (30-23, 30-22, 30-16) in the quarterfinals of the Mass. State Conference postseason tournament on Oct. 31.

Westfield, 11-14 overall, played Framingham State in the conference tournament semifinals.

Senior Katie Simlick of Enfield, Conn., recorded 11 kills for the Owls. Senior Sarah Cormier of Lowell contributed 17 assists and four blocks.

Women's Volleyball
Eastern Conn. 3 – Westfield 1

WESTFIELD – Eastern Connecticut State rallied to defeat Westfield State, 3-1, on Oct. 27.

Westfield took the first game, 30-28, then Eastern Connecticut swept the final three games: 30-23, 30-17, 30-23.

Seniors Sarah Cormier (20 assists) and Katie Simlick (11 kills, six digs) once again led the Owls. Junior setter Kate Edwards of Montague had 33 assists, seven kills, eight digs and three service aces for Eastern Connecticut (20-10), which reached the 20-win plateau for the 20th time in 22 years.

Women's Swimming
Simmons 162 – Westfield 136

BOSTON – The Westfield State women's swimming and diving team lost its season opener to Simmons, 162-136, Oct. 27.

Double winners were Dana LedDuke (50 butterfly, 100 butterfly) and Jen Gilbert (50 backstroke, 50 breaststroke). Kim MacKenzie won the 100 breaststroke.

Men's Cross Country

NORTH DARTMOUTH – The Westfield State men's cross country team finished sixth in the New England Alliance championships held Oct. 27.

Competing without its No. 1 runner Tom Bousquet of Chicopee, who was sidelined with bronchitis, Westfield finished with 131 points to trail Eastern Connecticut (127), Fitchburg (122), Bridgewater (118), U-Mass Dartmouth (61), and Keene State (20).

Keene, with an all underclassmen lineup, dominated the 10-team competition by taking the first four places. Mark Miller won the 8,045 meter race in 24:00.19.

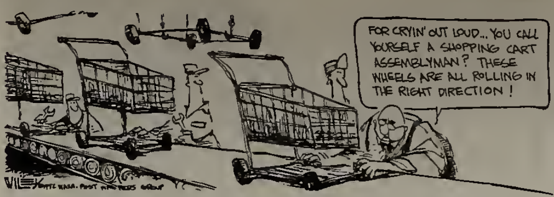
Westfield freshman Geoff Churchill finished 14th (26:35.86). followed by freshman Matt Frederick (21st, 27:02.1), senior Marco Iannello (22nd, 27:04.85), freshman Stephen Cole (33rd, 27:59.14), and sophomore Andy Barron (28:10.78).

Women's Cross Country

NORTH DARTMOUTH - The Westfield State women's cross country team placed fifth in the New England Alliance championships held Oct. 27.

Keene State finished first in the 9-team competition with 31 points followed by So. Maine (41) Bridgewater (84), Mass Dartmouth (107), and Westfield (138).

Senior Starr Hockenberry of Southwick was Westfield's top runner, finishing 13th in 19:50.50. She was followed by junior Catie Geldert of Otis (21st, 20:26.54), Christine Byrne (31st, 21:00.64), Alyssa Reid (35th, 21:15.10), and KellyRose O'Brien (38th, 21:46.94)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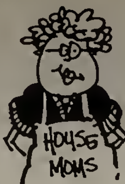

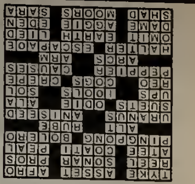

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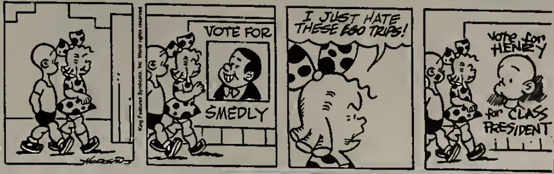
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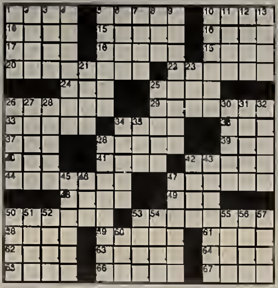

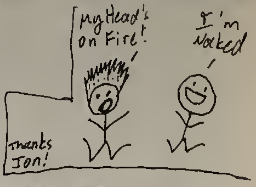
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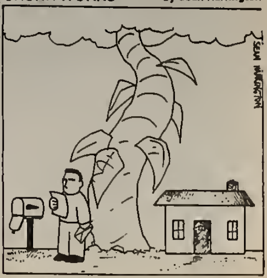
by Sean Harrington



"This is to inform you that your magical beanstalk leading to the giant's castle is not permitted by the community housing association, and must be removed immediately."

Personals

Molly, we miss you at Subway!

No more Snapples for you cause Bin Laden is on the loose, Bitsy. - Chuptio

They should rename City Limits "Club Westfield State."

Hugo, What goes around comes around and you're gonna get what you deserve.

You girls say you are looking for a nice guy, but when you find him, you won't go out with him.

The Scanlon girls know your secret Billabong!

Nice Catch Phelps.

"Picker is a Guinny"

DTH

Sewell, I like plain donuts!

Jen it's about time you got rid of Hugo. So when can I get my date?

If the Dining Commons can't get one meal right, why would they make more?

Don't sleep Calabrese!

At least you know how to put a condom on now!

I dedicated the song "It wasn't me" to Hugo.

SGA = Student Governed A***H****!

Hugo - Who didn't you sleep with when you were with Jen?

Don't cry over spilt milk. But you should cry over spilled beer!

If any girl out there likes plain donuts, please give Jon a call!!!.

Zigma Bang Me Rules!

Coffeehouse on Wednesday, Nov. 7!!! & p.m. Ely Main Lounge! BE THERE!!!

Why can't I have better friends than you?

Some say the worst feeling in the world is being lonely...Obviously they have never had a nail go through their finger.

Excuse me, these yams have no honor! The Campus Voice is the best newspaper at WSC!!!

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Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

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AS SGT. JOE FRIDAY USED TO SAY– "JUST THE PLAIN FAX MA'AM." A PUBLIC FAX MACHINE HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN THE ELY CAMPUS CENTER MAIN LOUNGE. INSTRUCTIONS ARE EASY TO FOLLOW. PRICES ARE OUTLINED FOR EACH USAGE.

WANT SOME CULTURE?

Check out Springfield Symphony Orchestra schedule at the Campus Center Service Window. Student vouchers for $6

NEED A WASH?

Golden Nozzle car wash coupons on sale for $4 at the Campus Center Service Window. Make your car happy and clean!

NEED CASH FAST?

Fleet Bank ATM located in Ely Campus Center Main Level.

DON'T FORGET!

Get your Fall ID stickers at the Campus Center Service Window

GOING SOMEWHERE?

Bus /Train information available at the Campus Center Service Window

ELY CAMPUS CENTER GAMES

Games are located in Ely 131. You must present your student ID in order to take games out.

CARDS, CRIBBAGE, DOMINOES, GUESSTURES, LIFE, MANCALA, PICTIONARY, RISK, SCRABBLE, SCATTERGORIES, TABOO, TRI BOND, UNO, YAHTZEE

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Dining Commons
Mon-Thurs 7:30a-7:00p Fri 7:30a-6p
Weekends 10:30a-1:30p & 4:30p-6p

Health Services
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Sat 10a-6p
(Dr. on duty) Mon-Fri 10:30a-1p

Wellness Center
Mon-Wed 7a-10p Thur 7a-9p Fri 7a-7p
Sat 1p-6p Sunday 4p-9p
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Library Hours
Mon-Thur 8a-11p;
Fri 8a-5pm
Sat 1pm-6pm;
Sun 1pm-9pm

Bookstore
Call x5657
For Hours of Operation

Subway
Mon-Fri 8a-11p
Sat 12p-11p Sun 1p-11p

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WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events

Mon 11/5	4:00 p.m.	Terrorism Forum	Third World Room
	7:00 p.m.	"Equalogy"	Scanlon Banquet Hall
	7:00 p.m.	PlayRights	Scanlon Banquet Hall
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "A Knights Tale"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Down to Earth"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Tue 11/6	2:15 p.m.	Shakespeare Video	Ely Lower Lounge
	5:30 p.m.	Student Government Meeting	SGA Room
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Head Over Heels"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Traffic"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Wed 11/7	4:30 p.m.	Campus Activities Board	SGA Room
	5:00 p.m.	Jazz Night	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Coffee House	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Along Came a Spider"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Forsaken"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Thur 11/8	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Joe Dirt"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Sweet November"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Karaoke Night	Ely Main Lounge
	10:00 p.m.	Card/Game Night	Ely Main Lounge
Fri 11/9	4:15 p.m.	Gay Straight Alliance	Dickinson Common Rooms
	5:00 p.m.	Jujitsu Club	Ely Wellness Center
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Saving Silverman"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Snatch"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	9:00 p.m.	Friday Night Movies	E-lower lounge
Sat 11/10	TBA	Men's and Women's Cross Country	Alumni Field
	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live w/WSKB 89.5	Ely main lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Saving Silverman"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Snatch"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Saturday night Live w/ WSKB	Ely Main Lounge
Sun 11/11	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Down to Earth"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Head Over Heels"	Cable Channels 56 & 57

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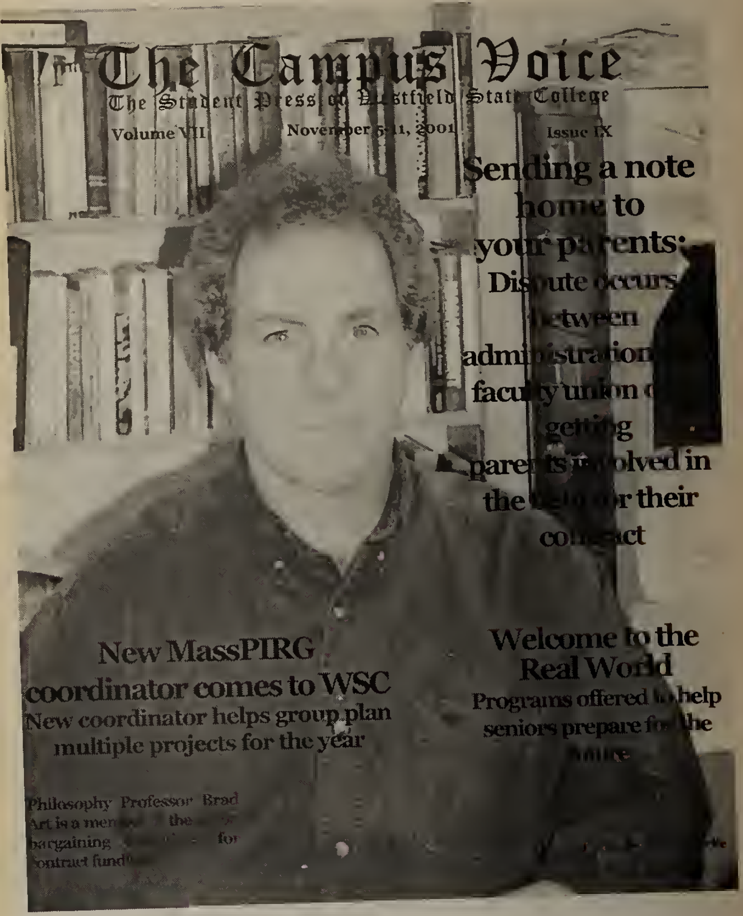

Sending a note home to your parents:

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New MassPIRG coordinator comes to WSC

New coordinator helps group plan multiple projects for the year

Philosophy Professor Brad Art is a member of the [illegible] bargaining [illegible] for contract fund[illegible]

Welcome to the Real World

Programs offered to help seniors prepare for the [illegible]

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Freeze put on hiring and purchasing new equipment

By Adrienne Lamplough
Assistant Editor

Westfield State College has placed a freeze on all new hires, out-of-state travel and the purchasing of equipment until the year 2004 due to conditions with the state legislature.

WSC President Frederick Woodward said the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is facing a revenue shortfall due to reasons such as the slowing of the market and the impact of the terrorist attacks.

The state legislature has not given Massachusetts state colleges their annual budgets. "The freeze is the mechanism of the moment to deal with the issue. The freeze may continue or it may be replaced with another strategy," Woodward said.

"It's getting hard to imagine spending the 25 years I have until retirement working in this environment," said Elizabeth Preston, Chair of the Communication Department.

"All state colleges and community colleges are facing the same state directive as Westfield State is facing," Woodward said.

The impact on the professors will likely be minimal, Woodward said. "Although, at this point, we do not know how much money will he lost and the impact the revenue shortfall will have on state colleges," said Woodward.

"It is a hope that this freeze will be lifted when other revenue shortfall techniques are put into place. Regardless of the magnitude of the reduction, all classrooms will have faculty and students will not feel or see any declination of services or contact with the faculty," said Woodward.

"In terms of the budget freeze, equipment is an area of the budget

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Mixed reaction given to questions on quality of equipment and technology at WSC

By Brooke Ann Popielarz
Voice Reporter

There is a mixture of opinions at Westfield State College over whether or not technology and equipment are lacking.

"I think it is unfair to the students who come here and expect to be learning about the new digital technology out there but have to use ancient equipment to complete our assignments. I'm sure it is hard for the professors as well," Holly Farrar, a senior Communications major, said.

Andy Katafiasz, user consultant in the Wilson Lab, said that based on what funding is available that fiscal year, each department sends in their proposal. Then, the budget committee deducts from each department what they think is unnecessary.

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

The editing studio in the Communications Department in Ely.

Mike Rosendale, a senior Computer Science major said, "Technology is up-to-date. Each

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SGA raises money to benefit the Red Cross' Sept. 11 fund

By Tom Perron
Voice Reporter

Last Tuesday, a check for over $2,500 was presented to The American Red Cross on behalf of Westfield State College community.

The presentation took place November 8 in the executive boardroom at 333 Western Ave. Shane Eldredge, President of the Student Government Association, and Richard Rubin, Executive Director of The American Red Cross for the Greater Westfield Area, were both present.

Money was raised through donations from students, faculty, staff and administration. Many students were eager to dig into their pockets for the relief effort.

"Since I couldn't go there to help, I felt giving money was the best way I could make a difference," senior Criminal Justice major Michelle Snyder.

The student body, faculty, staff and administration worked hard to help the people in need, SGA Legislative Secretary Katelin Kennedy said. "We united as an institution to help for a common cause."

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-Photo by Tom Perron

SGA President Shane Eldredge presents Rich Rubin, the Executive Director of the American Red Cross, Westfield Chapter, a check for $2,548 to benefit the American Red Cross Sept. 11 relief fund.

Forum offers opportunity to learn and understand

By Adrienne Lamplough
Assistant Editor

A forum was held last week for the Westfield State community to achieve a better understanding of the Islamic culture, through the use of definitions, stories, personal experiences and history.

"Islam has nothing to do with the terrorist attacks. Islam condemns any act of violence and terror," Dr. Bajwa, a representative from the Islamic Society of Western Massachusetts said. "Islam means peace, compassion, gestures and equality. Islam is not violence, terror and oppression."

Bajwa began his speech with a prayer which he later said was the custom of the Islamic religion to pray before every speech.

His position was to talk about Islam as a religion. Since the attacks of September 11, Islam has become a major topic of discussion and is sometimes put in a negative light, Bajwa said.

"The main theme of Islam is to believe in God as a diety and the divine power that should be worshipped," said Bajwa. "Islam believes in the day of judgement, the day of reckoning."

Bajwa said there are four rituals that are followed in the Islamic religion. The first is daily prayer which is performed five times a day. Fasting is performed every year for the entire

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Second coffeehouse offers Wednesday night entertainment

By Jessica Norden
Voice Reporter

The second coffeehouse of the year was held on Wednesday, November 7 in Ely Main Lounge. Senior Chris Ward was the host of the evening that brought out both old and new bands and solo performers.

September Twilight was the first performance of the night with Bill Bloom on vocals, Neil Taylor on bass, Kevin (Bam Bam) Gallagher on drums, Lucas DelCid on guitar, and Joe Cusella on guitar. There was a good crowd and more people showed up as they continued their set.

Cusella said, "I think this was one of our best shows and we had a lot of fun."

Odd Comparison was up next with Chris Ward on vocals, Michael LeSanto on guitar and vocals, and Kelley Arbeene on flute. Ward sang a cover of The Doors' "Love's Cheap."

Sophomore Erica May entertained the audience with her guitar playing and singing two of her own songs, "In Hiding" and "Constant Waiting." Then went into an acapella

May said, "I could have done better, but I'm glad I did perform tonight."

Freshman Monty Geei, brought the audience to a room full of laughter with his unusual foul jokes and songs, while playing the guitar. The lounge began to get full during Geei's performance. Geei did impersonations of Joe Pesci, Arnold Schwartzeneger, Sean Connery, a New York cab driver and George Bush while singing about gas.

Audience member Laura Dusty, a sophomore said, "I think it's cool that a lot of people showed up. I'm a bit surprised at some of the stuff they're allowed to play though."

Sophomore Nathan Sigman on guitar, junior Jeff Fairbanks on guitar, and Jon Berman, the RD of Davis Hall on saxophone, collaborated together and performed a cover of Dave Matthews' "True Reflections". Sigman and Fairbanks then performed

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Has the football team's winning record had a positive effect on the school spirit here at WSC? See what your fellow students have to say.

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Rane performs on campus. Check out what Campus Voice reviewer Jess Norden has to say about the show.

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Red Cross

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"We are donating $2,548.04 to the American Red Cross Fund," Eldredge announced. The money raised will go to help the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, he said.

"We were given the idea from President Woodward," Eldredge said. But after he gave SGA the idea, they took over the coordinating of the efforts.

"This was put on by students," Eldredge said.

Eldredge said, "We did a campus wide pool to raise money for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund."

"Most of the donations were from students and faculty," Eldredge said. "But we also received donations from clubs that did their own fundraisers."

There were three locations around campus for people to drop off donations for about a month; the Ely Teller Window, Residential Life in Scanlon Hall and the cashier's desk at 333 Western Ave.

Rubin discussed the generosity of the Westfield community at large. Donations were made by many people, businesses and organizations in the Greater Westfield area, he said. "At this point, we have had an excess of $125,000 come through our doors."

"The money was made through various ways," Rubin said. "Some groups had car washes and canister drives, but most of the funds were made through personal and corporate donations."

While the amount of money entering his office has slowed down, it has not stopped, Rubin said.

According to the American Red Cross website, $153,800,000 has been committed or spent on relief efforts. The American Red Cross is spending more than any other relief agency directly responding to the September 11 terrorist attacks.

To learn more about the American Red Cross, visit www.redcross.org. To donate, send a tax-deductible check to the American Red Cross – Greater Westfield Chapter, 48 Broad St., Westfield, MA 01085.

Freeze

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that can be addressed without adverse consequences in the short term. Obviously, this situation cannot go on over an extended period," he said.

Various departments have already put in their annual requests for equipment. Every department's equipment has been replaced within the past four years unless a request was never made, said Woodward.

"The effect on students will be negligible. Classes will be taught, facilities cleaned, classroom supplies purchased, required equipment purchased and food will be served," said Woodward on the effects the freeze will have on students.

When asked about the freeze on hiring, Preston said, "I assume that the administration recognizes that courses need to be taught and will provide the resources as they are able."

The Communication Department will not be impacted by the freeze of equipment purchases this year. "We ordered all the equipment that we have received permission and funding to buy this year prior to the freeze," Preston said.

"If there is a freeze or budget cut next year, things could get tight. But right now, we're fine," said Preston.

The freeze on travel is likewise very troubling, since the faculty is required to attend conferences and present research, said Preston.

"I think it is safe to say that department faculty are all very frustrated that the legislature has not funded the contract we signed last year. The past three or four years have been difficult, demoralizing years for the faculty on our campus. I had hoped that this year would offer something of a respite from the constant battles with the .state." said Preston.

Professor Nessim Watson of the Communication Department said the freeze on equipment purchases is going to be extremely difficult. "Before if something broke you could fix it, but now it is just broken, there isn't a way for it to get fixed," he said.

The Communication Department has grown in size over the past four years from 200 to 300 students. Now, more than ever, there is a need for more equipment and professors, said Watson.

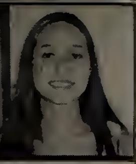
"Faculty are afraid to speak out because it could be their jobs at stake, but students should speak out on behalf of the faculty," Watson explained.

Barbara Hand, Secretary and Advisor to SGA, said, "I think that President Woodward is taking his directive from the way other universities and state schools are reacting. The revenue from the state is just not there since the attacks of September 11."

"It's not uncommon in the professional world for companies to have financial difficulties and have a freeze on new hires," said Hand. "Hopefully what we are asked to do will not affect the students."

"We must make the best of it," she said.

From the Editor's Desk



As most of you have heard by now, the administration recently placed a freeze on hiring and purchasing of new equipment due to great shortages in the Massachusetts budget. The shortages have also led to the administration no longer providing food at faculty and academic events. Also, an e-mail was going around to staff members to remember to turn off all lights and computers when they leave the office. Yes, these are tough times and cuts will have to be made. But, in an institution whose mission is to provide higher education, cuts in faculty and staff greatly damage the institution's chance of achieving that mission.

The department of my major currently has two staff members who are assistant professors, which means they only have contracts for one year. There is also one professor who has been out for almost a year now due to illness. The department had been advertising and collecting resumes to hire a full-time professor for the following academic year. Now with the hiring freeze, this could leave the department four professors short. This in turn leads to the problem of lacking enough professors to cover all the classes, meaning either greatly increasing class sizes or cutting many classes.

I'm sure this is a problem many departments will be facing. Hiring new faculty and staff is a normal process that is done yearly to continue to provide quality education and to add to the curriculum. Not having the ability to hire new faculty can greatly inhibit a department's ability to grow and expand its area of expertise and knowledge. And it will be the students who suffer.

How is this college supposed to achieve providing quality higher education when it will have to cut classes or make class sizes larger? Will seniors be able to take the classes they need to graduate, or will they rapidly fill up or not be offered due to a lack of faculty? And how can our graduates enter the work force fully prepared if there is a freeze on purchasing new equipment and they do not have the same skills and training as graduates from other institutions?

Students come to WSC with the knowledge that it does not have the funding and equipment equivalent to a private institution or UMass, but they do come expecting to have up-to-date equipment and enough of it to provide them with the education they need. Much of the equipment is outdated, but now students will have to make do with it and be careful they don't break anything, because it won't be replaced for awhile. The situation doesn't allow our graduates to leave here on an equal level as other graduates and that makes our college fail at its mission.

Funds are limited and sacrifices have to be made in areas to keep this college going. But the college should have had money set aside so freezes on hiring and purchasing equipment would not have occurred. We now know that everything will not always be financially booming, so in the future our college should be better prepared. And in the case that emergencies and hard times do arise again, more creative solutions should be thought of. Solutions that won't affect what should be the main goal of this college: providing students with education.

Laura Cyr
Editor-In-Chief

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Technology

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department's equipment is what is out-of -date. Meaning we are learning stuff from our faculty that will be outdated when we graduate," Rosendale said.

There is a total of four main computer labs between Bates and Wilson. Bates PC and Wilson 138 have brand new Dell computers. The oldest lab at WSC is room 139. The computers have a three year lease, so every three years new computers are automatically delivered from the factory.

Senior Chris Ward said, "I have a friend that works for a computer company. He tells me about the new technology and programs out there, so I pass it along to my roommates who are Computer Science majors to give them a head start."

Rosendale started a Computer Club with Vakny Chonmany, Junior so they can help other students go beyond what they learn in the classroom. "Technology has grown so much and this school is so behind," Chonmany said.

There are no web courses, certification courses or orical database management courses offered like there are at other colleges and universities, Chonmany said. "Our classes are based on the theory behind all the programs as opposed to actual hands on application."

The Computer Club focuses on networking, marketing and programming. Students who join the club will be taught further about the advancements in technology.

"The computers are up-to-date, it is the courses I am worried about," Chonmany said.

"WSC has the resources to teach it, but not the know how yet," sophomore Mike Mascio said.

Junior Julia Santabarbara and sophomore Jessica Leibovitz said they feel the one new G 4 Mac computer, which was ordered for the Theater Department, is not enough to serve the purposes of the theater students.

"What's going to happen? We just got a new lighting system and new black seats for the Ely theater, and it's great but we need more funding," said Santabarbara.

Other faculty and staff feel the opposite way. Mark St. Jean of the Communication Department said, "We are in good shape."

A new character generator and video projector have been ordered from the proposal handed in two days before the freeze became in effect.

The Communication Department also installed two new computers for video editing that students are currently using. Digital audio equipment will be available for students to use next semester for their audio production courses.

"The issue we will eventually face later is that the studio is all analog. Soon we will have to look into switching to digital," said St. Jean. "The budget committee might have to get a grant for this to happen because it will be expensive to convert the studio."

David Doe, Chairman of the Biology Department also feels the equipment is up-to-date. "This year we purchased eight new microscopes for the anatomy and physiology courses, so we are very much updated on our equipment," he said.

Campus Briefs

Festival Chorus of Westfield announces Fall Season

The Festival Chorus of Westfield, conducted by Theodore C. Davidovich, will perform two concerts and a Messiah sing for the fall season. Performances on Saturday, Nov. 17, and Sunday, Nov. 18, will be dedicated to the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and their loved ones. The chorus also will present its third annual Messiah Sing on Sunday, Dec. 16.

The November concerts will feature the chorus, orchestra and soloists in performances of the Requiem, K.626 by Mozart. These concerts will also include the Westfield State College Chorale singing the Magnificat Octavi Toni by the Spanish. Renaissance composer Cristobal Morales and a new setting by Davidovich of Ave Maria for chorus and string orchestra.

The Nov. 17 concert will be at 7:30 p.m. in Dever Auditorium at Westfield State College. On Nov. 18 the performance will be at 3 p.m. at Saint Joseph's Roman Catholic Church on Howard St. in Springfield. The third annual Messiah Sing will be at 7:30 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church of Westfield. "Local soloists will render the arias and recitatives, while the audience will be the chorus for this reading of the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah," said Davidovich, professor and director of choral music at Westfield State, and conductor for the event. Edith Gilbertson, keyboard, and other instrumentalists will provide accompaniment.

The Festival Chorus, now in its 18th season, is a college community chorus founded by Davidovich. The 65-member chorus draws its singers from the faculty, staff and students at Westfield State, as well as from Westfield and many surrounding towns in the Pioneer Valley. Members range in age from high school students to senior citizens.

The chorus primarily performs locally, but also has been heard in several Carnegie Hall concerts under the baton of well-known British conductor/composers John Rutter and Jonathan Willcocks. Members of the chorus also have performed in Austria, Hungary, Poland, Australia, New Zealand and the Scandinavian countries.

For more information on the Festival Chorus performances, call the Westfield State College Music Department at 413-572-5673 or 413-572-5356.

Arno Maris Gallery presents work by Denise Beaudet

Having graduated from Greenfield Community College with an AA, Denise Beaudet has established herself locally, especially in the Northampton area. She has exhibited locally since that time exploring her own vision and connection with the world. She has said "I think of myself as an anthropologist whose passion is painting. I devour information about people, particularly those about whom I know little. I explore them by painting their faces, bodies, spirituality and culture. I am curious about all aspects of their lives and I try to understand them and myself through my art. I work primarily in acrylic, pen, ink, collage, and watercolor using bold bright colors, as they best describe the world I see."

As she has established herself as an artist her vision has broadened. She is presently involved in a project which consists of her painting one person from every country and inhabited territory in the world, 246 portraits, each one with their own culture represented. Upon completion of these portraits Ms. Beaudet will contact non-profit organizations and information about them will be presented along side the portraits. Upon completion the entirety will tour for an entire year.

The gallery is open on Tues.-Sat. 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Denise Beaudet's exhibit will be on display until Dec. 8.

WSC Annual Turkey Drive to Benefit Needy Families

Our holiday season is approaching and once again the Neighborhood Association Committees looking for your help. Last year we raised over $550 and were able to buy Thanksgiving dinners for families in the greater Westfield area. This year we would like to once again be able to donate dinners to the Salvation Army to distribute to these families. Last year the student body, faculty, staff and administration gave their spare change and made it happen. We would like to once again ask you for your help. On Monday, November 12, Tuesday, November 13 and Wednesday, November 14, there will be members of NAC (in collaboration with the Class of 2002, the Commuter Council and the SGA Executive Council) will be collecting door to door in each Residence Hall, Apartments and college offices.

Please donate any spare change you may have. Remember those who are unable to afford turkey dinner for their family this year.

Attention Seniors

Keep your eyes on the mail! You will be receiving letters regarding senior portraits. I urge you not to throw these letters out. Having your senior portrait is one way to capture the memories of senior year.

Another way to capture moments, not only of senior year but also of the last four years, is Tekoa, Westfield State's yearbook. Unfortunately, we WILL NOT be able to produce a yearbook without the cooperation of at least 300 seniors.

I strongly urge you to consider having your portrait taken next month, December 4 and 5. Do not let the Westfield State yearbook be a lost tradition. The yearbook will also be a great memento of our time together.

If you have any questions, call SGA at x5429 or Meg at x7884.

A Winter White Poem

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Voice of The Week

Shawn Lyman

POSITION AT WSC: WSC FOOTBALL TEAM RUNNING BACK

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How has the football team affected school spirit?

“Yeah, we finally got some school spirit.”

Colleen Boisvert
2003
Communications

“It’s a positive effect. With everyone going to the games it makes this campus a community.”

Katie Cavagnaro
2002
Communications

“It gives us a little more pride. I have more respect for sports here.”

Scott Muroe
2004
History

“It’s up greatly. Average students are also increasing their involvement in supporting athletics.”

Angela LaPierre
2003
Psychology/Communications

“School spirit is definitely up. It’s great to see so many students at games.”

Eric Bristol-2002
Bioloby
Beth Johansson-2002
Business

“It’s definitely brought it up by the fact that our team is doing well. Hopefully they come back Sat. champions.”

Adam Belson
2004
Communications

Voices Overheard compiled by Tom Perron

Forum

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month of Ramadan. 2.5% of a person's savings is giving to charity once a year. This is called Zakat. The fourth ritual of the Islamic religion is the Hajj, which is the traveling to Mecca. This last ritual must be performed at least once in a lifetime.

Bajwa went to further explain the Islamic definition of Jihad. Jihad is the struggle of a person, a group of people or a society. The struggle is for a bettering of religion and everything else.

"The word Jihad is only used in war for self-defense. The fight against oppression is another way to use Jihad," said Bajwa.

Sophomore Aboubacar Gassama, a member of the panel said he was brought up by a Muslim family.

"Islam taught me how to behave among people. It has taught me wisdom. I didn't ask why I should do things, I just did it," said Gassama. "Islam means submission, the complete submission of Allah."

Tony Guglierme, an Economics professor from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, said that Islam is a universal religion of mankind.

Guglierme said it is necessary to have a serious analysis of what goes on in the world. During Guglierme's speech he discussed the background of Afghanistan and Palestine. He also talked about the way the United States has interacted with the two countries and the surrounding countries over the years.

Guglierme said the greatness of America is not in the flag but in the Bill of Rights and the Constitution.

"We need to begin to think globally, we need to have a global understanding of development. There are no good guys, everybody is looking for a good guy," said Guglierme, when discussing Afghanistan as a country and its leaders.

"Bin Laden is not the issue, the issue is poverty. The problem is poverty and economic development," said Guglierme.

Doctor Elise Young, a professor of Middle Eastern History, began her discussion with an excerpt from the book, "My Grandfather's Blessing" by Rachel Naomi Raymond.

Young said Rachel writes her stories about people who are dying and asks them when a time was where they have fond memories during their lives. The man, Bill, whom Rachel is questioning, told her the story of his childhood when he found a fish that was washed ashore. He brought the fish back to the river where he belonged. The fish being away from the water was seen as separate from his home but once returned the fish is whole again.

Young said that we all feel separate at times and need to feel whole again.

"We wake up wisdom that we are all born with but we forget it, we have to remember that wisdom," Young said.

Young went on to describe the history of the Jews and Eastern Europe and the conflicts and hardships women have been through in this country and Middle Eastern countries.

To learn more about the world you must do research, said Young. Research will make everyone more aware and understanding.

Professor John Paulmann of the Communication Department said children are everywhere in the Middle East. "They will just charm you."

The sad news is that 50,000 children die in Iraq every year from a variety of causes such as the economic blockade and the lack of medical supplies and food, Paulmann said. “If a ratio of the amount of children in the United States was done in comparision with Iraq then 950,000 children a year would be lost.”

"Would this make us more aware? Would this get our attention if this was in our country?," asked Paulmann.

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-NOISE COMPLAINT, VERBAL WARNING: SCANLON
-SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: SOUTH LOT
-DISTURBANCE: DAVIS
10/23/01-MOTOR VEHICLE STOP, CITATION ISSUED: SCANLON ROAD
-PARKING ENFORCEMENT, VEHICLE TOWED: APARTMENT LOT
-MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATION: ELY ROAD
-THREATS, BOYFRIEND/GIRLFRIEND INCIDENT
-DISTURBANCE, BOTTLE THROWN AT STUDENT
-FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION: MYRTLE STREET
10/24/01-VANDALISM, WINDOW BROKEN: DAVIS
10/25/01-DRUG LAW VIOLATION, MARIJUANA: LAMMERS
-VANDALISM: SOUTH LOT
-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION, ALCOHOL: ELY ROAD
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10/26/01-GENERAL INVESTIGATION: 333 BUILDING
-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION, DRUGS: DICKINSON
-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION, ALCOHOL: DICKINSON
-LARCENY, PROPERTY STOLEN OFF VEHICLE
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4th Patient Gets New Artificial Heart

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES, -- UCLA surgeons implanted a self-contained artificial heart in a patient Wednesday, marking only the fourth time it has been done and the first time in the West.

Hillel Laks, who headed the surgical team, said today that the 11-hour procedure "went exceptionally well."

The patient, a man in his seventies, was said to be resting comfortably. The medical center did not release any other details.

Abiomed Inc., which manufactures the heart, has been criticized for withholding information about earlier patients who underwent the implant operation until well after their surgeries were completed. But the company says its actions were meant to protect the privacy of the patients' families and to avoid distracting the physicians.

Surgeons at Jewish Hospital in Louisville implanted the device, the AbioCor artificial heart, for the first time July 2 in Robert Tools, 59, who was near death from heart disease. They repeated the procedure Sept. 14 on Tom Christerson, 70, who was also near death.

A team from St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in Houston performed the third procedure Sept. 28 on a man who has so far been described only as "desperately ill."

All three patients are doing well on the artificial heart, said Edward E. Berger, a vice president of Abiomed Inc., of Danvers, Mass.

The government has approved the use of the experimental device in five patients who are dying of heart failure and are too sick for a heart transplant.

Requests for skilled-worker visas fell short of limit

Carrie Laplante
Washington Post

Demand for skilled foreign workers for the year that ended Sept. 30 didn't meet the expanded immigration caps Congress set last year at the urging of high-tech employers.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service reported yesterday that it approved 163,200 visa applications filed by U.S. businesses on behalf of overseas candidates during the period. Under intense pressure from the tech industry, Congress had increased the number of available work permits to 195,000 per fiscal year through 2003. Last year the limit was 115,000.

Comparing the latest figures for the H1-B visa, which covers jobs that require a bachelor's degree or its equivalent, is complicated. This year, for example, Congress for the first time exempted from the visa cap people who work for colleges and universities, research institutions, and some nonprofit groups.

The latest figure also does not include about 29,000 applications that the INS was unable to finish reviewing by Sept. 30, or 30,000 applications that were filed between March 2000 and Sept. 30, 2000 -- after permits for that federal fiscal year had been exhausted early, an INS spokeswoman said.

The visa issue is a source of friction between businesses and some native-born workers, who believe that the technology industry too often looks overseas for cheap labor rather than considering older and more ethnically diverse U.S. candidates.

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> **Mark Krikorian**
> **Executive Director of the Center for Immigration Studies**

Workers who enter the nation on H1-B permits can stay for up to six years. The vast majority of permit holders come from India and China and fill computer and engineering jobs, according to INS surveys.

Immigration experts said INS did not release enough detailed information to draw solid conclusions about the recent need for overseas workers.

The new data suggest to Theresa Cardinal Brown, manager of labor and immigration policy at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, that "the H1-B program's still robust and healthy."

Sandy Boyd of the National Association of Manufacturers said member companies reported that demand for skilled foreign workers remained strong until this summer, when the economy began its downturn. "I'm not surprised the numbers were high, because the first three quarters were all pretty good," Boyd said.

Despite the layoffs that hit Internet and telecommunications firms, manufacturing companies and biotechnology concerns still search for technical employees in the United States and abroad, according to Brown and Boyd.

But Rep. Tom Tancredo (R-Colo.) introduced legislation last week that would roll back the visa cap to 65,000 per year and limit it even further if U.S. unemployment rates rise.

Mark Krikorian, executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies, a group that seeks to reduce immigration, said the sluggish economy and the Sept. 11 attacks could add momentum to the argument for new visa limits, though government officials have said none of the hijackers came to the United States under employment visas.

"When you have a combination of recent terrorism and an economic slowdown, that's a recipe for reexamining immigration policy," Krikorian said.

Public colleges' tuition rises 7.7% this fall, state budget problems felt on campuses

Michael Fletcher
Washington Post

The price of higher education increased significantly this fall, particularly at public colleges and universities, where tuitions surged by 7.7 percent in a year, the College Board announced yesterday.

The tuition increases at four-year public colleges and universities were accompanied by a 6.6 percent increase in room-and-board charges. The increases were more than double the nation's inflation rate, which was about 2.6 percent for the year.

The tuition increases at public schools outstripped those at the nation's 1,730 private four-year colleges and universities, where tuition went up 5.5 percent this fall -- an increase comparable to those in recent years. Room-and-board charges at private colleges increased 4.7 percent.

Higher education officials said the price increases at four-year public colleges -- the largest percentage increase since 1993-1994, when tuitions rose 8.3 percent -- were a consequence of a slowing economy.

"There is a direct connection between the health of individual state economies and tuition at state institutions," said David Ward, president of the American Council on Education, an advocacy group whose membership includes 1,800 colleges and universities. "In many states, increased tuition has become a substitute revenue -- that is, reductions in state support are offset by higher tuition."

With the nation still absorbing the economic shock of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, more state budget problems, accompanied by steeper tuition increases, could be in the offing for the near future.

Iowa officials are considering raising tuitions by 18.5 percent to help the state deal with a $60 million budget deficit. In Ohio, public college and university students are worried about a mid-year tuition increase to compensate for recent state budget cuts. Officials in Rhode Island and Nebraska are dealing with budget problems that could result in higher tuitions. And just last week, Maryland and Virginia officials said that tax revenue had declined significantly, which could lead to tuition increases at public colleges and universities.

"Tuition increases also reflect the realities of striving to offer high-quality education while struggling with less state support," said Constantine W. Curris, president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

Even with the recent increases, College Board officials said that higher education remained affordable for most Americans. The average annual tuition at a four-year public college or university is $3,754. Room-and-board charges at those schools average $5,254. At private four-year institutions, tuitions average $17,123 and room-and-board charges average $6,455.

At private two-year schools, tuitions averaged $7,953 this fall, while tuitions at two-year public schools averaged $1,738.

College Board officials pointed out that financial aid cushions the cost of college for most students. At public four-year colleges and universities, more than 60 percent of full-time students receive some type of financial aid. At private four-year colleges and universities, more than 75 percent of full-time students do.

Still, that aid often comes as loans, which can saddle students with debt for years after they complete their educations. While a record $74 billion in financial aid was available to students this fall, loans accounted for 58 percent of that amount. In 1980, loans accounted for 41 percent of students' financial aid packages.

College Board President Gaston Caperton said the board planned to convene a panel to examine whether a lack of student financial aid is a barrier to higher education for some students. "The panel will be of vital importance in helping to increase educational equity and access," he said.

Nonetheless, he said, college represents a great value for those who can afford to go. Citing federal statistics showing that the average annual income for a college graduate is 80 percent greater than that of a high school graduate, he said, "In both learning potential and earning potential, you cannot beat the value of a college education."

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Jihad is my first obligation: Muslims, Pakistan's tribal north ready to fight alongside Taliban

PAMELA CONSTABLE
WASHINGTON POST

BATKHELA, Pakistan, Nov. 5 - - Shahid Hussain, a bright and articulate man of 19, carries two plastic identification cards in his vest pocket. One is from a private college where he has studied science part time for the past two years in hopes of becoming a doctor.

The other card, of far more recent vintage, is his ticket to a very different fate.

Issued Oct. 28 by the Movement for the Implementation of Islamic Law, it certifies that Hussain has vowed to follow the path of "sincerity, virtue, patience and unity," taken a brief training course in physical endurance and target shooting, and registered to fight an Islamic holy war in Afghanistan if the movement's leaders call on him to do so.

"I am a Muslim, so jihad is my first obligation. School and business are secondary," said Hussain, who sells metal trunks in this bustling town in Malakand Agency, a semi-autonomous tribal area in northwestern Pakistan. His shop is plastered with posters of Osama bin Laden, the accused terrorist who is a major target of the U.S.-led military assault in Afghanistan.

Throughout Malakand, one of seven tribal areas of northwestern Pakistan that border Afghanistan, the fever of jihad has swept through virtually every town and village. The militant mood seems to be growing daily as the Western military attack intensifies against Afghanistan's ruling Taliban Islamic movement, which shelters bin Laden.

During a two-day tour of the region, which is officially off-limits to foreigners, a Western journalist encountered a half-dozen anti-American rallies, convoys of pickup trucks headed for Afghanistan with donated supplies, and bin Laden posters displayed in produce markets and pasted on passenger buses and cargo trucks.

The Pakistani government has cut its long-standing ties with the Taliban and supports the Western anti-terrorism campaign. But the government's writ is virtually nonexistent in the tribal areas – holdovers from British colonial days where heavily armed and fiercely independent tribes of the Pashtun ethnic group have their own police, laws and courts. Many people have close ethnic, family and business ties with Afghanistan, including a lucrative cross-border trade in untaxed and smuggled goods such as cars and appliances.

-File Photo

Islamic traditions are deeply conservative here, and pro-Taliban religious parties such as Jamaat-e-Islami, the Sufi Mohammad movement and Jamiat-e-Ulema-i- Islami are extremely popular, with offices in many towns and tens of thousands of followers.

In many markets throughout the region, booths have been set up to collect money and supplies for the Afghan cause. They are manned by followers of various militant Islamic groups, surrounded by well-wishers and decorated with posters of assault rifles and rocket launchers. Loudspeakers play lilting tapes of clerics chanting, "Long life to Taliban, long life to Osama, death to America."

In one village, hundreds of men marched through the streets Sunday, parading an effigy of Pakistan's president, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, and protesting the house arrest of Qazi Hussain Ahmed, the leader of Jamaat-e-Islami, who was detained Saturday after giving a number of public speeches calling for Musharraf's overthrow.

In Batkhela, several thousand men gathered around a truck at dusk to hear Islamic leaders denounce the United States and recite Arabic prayers for the success of the Taliban. The crowd shouted angrily at a visiting journalist, and nervous tribal militiamen insisted she leave the area immediately. There were no other women or foreigners in sight.

"People here are very emotional. Many of them fought with their Afghan brethren against the Russians, and they are trained to use military weapons. Now they are ready to fight against America," said Bakhtar Molani, a local elected official and member of Jamaat-e-Islami. "Most of the time they are peaceful and occupied with their cultivation, but when something endangers their religion, it awakens them."

Molani said his party does not favor a massive, armed pro-Taliban movement here and that Taliban officials have asked fighters to stay inside Pakistan until they are needed. But he said influential area clerics had issued fatwas, or religious orders, saying that joining the conflict is farz, or a religious duty.

"A number of people from my village, ordinary farmers and small-businessmen, have already gone to Afghanistan," he said. "I argued against it, but jihad is a dream for Muslim youth, and when a maulvi [cleric} says you should go, it makes people ashamed if they refuse. The government can interfere, but it cannot stop them."

In another town, called Jalala, men in turbans and combat fatigues prepared a caravan of six heavily loaded pickup trucks to take clothing, bedding and money into Afghanistan. The men were from Harkat ul-Mujaheddin, a militant Islamic organization that was banned by the Musharraf government last month and has since gone underground in Pakistani cities.

"We have traveled to many villages in Malakand to collect help for the Taliban. Our Islamic brothers are in trouble, and everyone wants to help," said Rahim Khan, the convoy leader. "The Taliban have brought justice and security to Afghanistan. We want the same system here in Pakistan, and we want it in America, too."

The most radical pro-Taliban group here is the Sufi Mohammad organization, which has been aggressively promoting an armed cross-border movement in the past several weeks. Its followers also blockaded the Karakoram Highway, a major route to China, for nearly all of last week, placing large boulders in the road at spots where it winds through several tribal areas.

Mohammad, a radical Muslim cleric from the tribal areas, claims his movement has already sent 12,000 armed men into Afghanistan in the past month and that thousands more are prepared to join them. Fazlullah, one of his sons and aides, said in a telephone interview from the Dir tribal area that the group would attack anyone, including Pakistani security forces, who tried to prevent them from crossing the border

"When America attacks Afghanistan, people want to gather their weapons and go for jihad. It is their obligation and no one can stop them," Fazlullah said. He said the volunteers were stopping in the Afghan city of Jalalabad for training with anti-aircraft guns and rocket launchers. "America has done a cowardly act," he said. "When the ground troops come, the real war will begin and the world will see who the winner is."

"If the ground war starts, we will all shut down our shops and go," vowed Hussain, the science student, adding shyly that he hoped his parents would give him permission. "Every home here has many weapons, and even if we are martyred, we know we will not die. I was born in this town, but now I am an Afghan and I must do my duty."

There were also reports of armed marchers gathering in Swat, the semi-tribal region just north of Malakand. But police at a border checkpoint refused to allow a foreign journalist to enter Swat today, saying religious leaders there had warned that angry crowds would "shoot any foreigner."

Despite the atmosphere of mounting tension, some people in Batkhela and other tribal towns were eager to explain their feelings to a foreign journalist. Young men like Hussain seemed excited by the chance to join a holy war; older ones like Molani fondly recalled the exhilaration of youthful years spent combating Soviet troops in Afghanistan.

"Those were my best days, fighting the Russians," confided Molani, a dignified politician of 36 who holds a degree in political science. "I believe America should seek a peaceful solution in Afghanistan and that all religions should be tolerant of each other. But if another superpower wants to fight us, I still remember how to use an antiaircraft gun."

For many in Mexico, bribes are a way of life

KEVIN SULLIVAN
WASHINGTON POST

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 30 -- When the young mechanical engineer went to get his driver's license four years ago, he slipped the clerk about $10, skipped the written exam and walked out with a license in minutes. When he got married, a $10 palm greasing got him the date on the calendar he wanted for his civil ceremony. Now he's working on a construction project, and the city functionaries have told his company that the building permit will require a $100,000 bribe.

"Everybody does it," the engineer said. "It's been going on for a long time."

Now, an anti-corruption group has attempted a scientific measurement of bribes in Mexican daily life. Transparency Mexico, the local arm of Transparency International, determined in a report issued today that residents of Mexico City have to pay bribes for almost a quarter of the government services they receive.

"This is the first time we have hard facts about the dimension of the problem for households, and it is monstrous," said Federico Reyes Heroles, head of Transparency Mexico, meeting with reporters today.

The group surveyed more than 16,000 Mexican "heads of household" in June and July and asked them which public services, and some private ones, they had to pay bribes to receive. It asked about signing up children for public school, registering cars, garbage collection, water service, building permits and a range of other services.

The privately funded survey found that on average, Mexicans pay bribes for 10.6 percent of the services they receive. They said the average bribe was about $11. The services for which bribes are most frequently paid are related to cars: retrieving an impounded car required a bribe 57.2 percent of the time; avoiding traffic tickets, 56 percent; and avoiding other traffic offenses, 54.5 percent.

President Vicente Fox has vowed to reduce rampant corruption in Mexico, running a high-profile "no more bribes" campaign with posters and lapel buttons. But based on the survey results, those efforts have done little to change the ethos of thousands of police officers, public clerks and other public officials. And many Mexicans find paying bribes more convenient than waiting for service from cumbersome government bureaucracies.

In police corruption, Transparency International this year rated Mexico 19th out of 23 countries surveyed and 51st out of 91 countries surveyed on overall corruption. Those rankings were based mainly on the perceptions of academics, business leaders and others.

Based on the survey released today, Reyes Heroles said some Mexican states show a remarkably low rate of bribery: Residents in the Pacific coast states of Colima and Baja California Sur reported paying bribes for 3 percent and 3.9 percent of services, respectively.

Mexico City was the worst, at 22.6 percent, followed by the state of Mexico, which surrounds the capital city, at 17 percent, and Guerrero state at 13.4 percent.

Reyes Heroles said the higher rates in Mexico City and Mexico state may reflect the fact that bribery is most common in urban areas. He said people there have busier lives and less time, which may make them more willing to pay a bribe than wait for a service.

He also said that the "most disturbing" trend uncovered by the survey was that younger, better-educated Mexicans tend to pay bribes more often than those who are older and have less education. He said that younger, educated people tend to have less free time and more money, making bribes an attractive alternative to waiting.

Unfortunately, he said, it means that the next generation of Mexicans is already accustomed to paying bribes.

The Cut

So I was in Daytona Beach last summer beating the heat in Barnes & Noble and there she was, the same girl from the one up here. I don't mean the same girl physically, but a graduate of the apparent B&N Bootcamp which churns out mousy, sweatered brunettes with the cropped hair and the Lisa Loeb specs kickin'. If only she hadn't spoken about such different things, or seen the ceiling over the bed of a trusted professor, or suffered from acne.

CHRIS WARD

Or perhaps this girl, with skin of alabaster swaddled by her big brother's sweater beneath the Florida sun, actually IS the same girl and she has a migratory pattern similar to my own. My only option is to install some sort of tracking device. I'll take down one of the larger, slower moving ones. Parking lot. Deer tranquilizer should be about the right dose, give or take. Wait, is this the column I'm writing?

Okay, so this guy steps back in from the waiting room and the doctor asks him to take a seat. "I've got some good news and some bad news for you," says the Doc. "The bad news is that your condition is terminal. The good news is...didja see that receptionist in the waiting room? I'm sleeping with her."

On the way out the door a shout out to our campus radio station, WSKB 89.5 on your FM dial. GM Melissa Saporetti, also to Jay Renslow, Kevin Murray, Wayne Versace, and their Program Director is the ever low-key and "work smarter, not harder" spokesperson Jon Sewell. I appreciate you and also what you do with Jester's Coffeehouse and Deli. Heartbreak Kid, what!

Oh, wait, that Ghandi quote "an eye for an eye and the whole world is blind." Well, no. If they take an eye and then you take one, you both still have an eye left and so you aren't blind at all, you're simply left with a limited perception of depth.

Peace and balance.

C. Ward is a Voice columnist

Kevin's Korner

I would like to respond to the criticism of my recent columns. I was writing the truth. I have the utmost respect for this Nation, its values, and its military. My grandfathers both served in the Navy during World War II. However, 'respect' does not require me, or anyone else, to agree with every action of our country or its Armed Forces.

KEVIN HEATON

Here is another example. No matter what religion a person is, they can still respect the beliefs and practice of others, without agreeing with them. An atheist could have a respectful debate with a Fundamentalist.

One of the basic values this country was founded on was free speech. What better way to honor those who defend it than by exercising that freedom? So, when I read about US Forces hitting a hospital, for example, I feel compelled to exercise that freedom. If I didn't respect this country, I wouldn't care as much. I am also saddened by the limited amount of dissent in the mainstream news media. This, also, violates basic American freedoms.

This country's response should be one of law and order. This would reflect true American values. The website of the magazine The Nation quotes Kevin Martin, executive director of Peace Action as saying, "People want justice, not vengeance. The perpetrators of these heinous crimes should be punished in the courts. Military strikes will take thousands of more innocent lives. A great nation does not punish the innocent to assuage its anguish." The National Council of Churches recently echoed this sentiment. Yes, we are a great nation, and should rise above anger and retaliation.

As for those who doubt the accuracy of my claims, I respect that right. My sources are, generally, The New York Times and National Public Radio. I also pick up things from different sources, which I always cite. I would think the Times and NPR are two major news organizations.

During the Vietnam War, thousands of people, mostly college students, protested. They were not being disrespectful of this country or its military. They were simply exercising their First Amendment right to oppose what the military was doing, at the time. The same holds true for those who do not agree with the "War on Terrorism."

No one has given me any specific reasons why they disagree with me. I would ask anyone to send specific comments to me, so that I can respond to them. My email is Kevwsc@hotmail.com

K. Heaton is a Voice columnist

Student "appalled" by disrespect of Voice columnist

Dear Mr. Heaton,

This letter is in response to your recent articles attacking President Bush and his acts in these past few months. Mr. Heaton may I say that your wanton disrespect for President Bush, the men and women currently serving in our armed services, and the thousands lost at the World Trade Center attacks are not only appalling, but offensive. You should show more respect to those that have and are currently defending the freedoms that you so freely enjoy and apparently take for granted every day. While war is by no means a pleasant part of our society, it is certainly necessary at given times. Not every situation and confrontation, as you seem to think Mr. Heaton, can be solved by a hug. When we were attacked on September 11, it called, no screamed, for a response by President Bush to retaliate against those terrorists that wish to hurt Americans and their way of life. I must say, I support President Bush's actions as wise, just, and honorable.

To suggest that our acts of war are part of our egocentric western way of life confuses me a bit. Do you suggest then, Mr. Heaton, that Osama bin Laden, and the thousands of non-western peoples that are involved in the terrorist network that spans the globe, are peace loving family men? I think that their military training camps, religious brainwashing techniques, glorification of violence as honorable, and other institutions that cause them to attack and murder thousands of innocent people a year are evidence enough that that is not the case. Would then, the "less superficial ideals" that people in Afghanistan hold to be murder, terror, and violence? While money should not be loved, I think murder is as equally a despicable love.

Also, while the Global Warming issue might be very important to all of us right now, I think that the loss of thousands of American lives are much more important at this time. To suggest that the President was hiding behind these attacks, and that they were just in time for him to avoid certain environmental issues again shows your truly appalling disrespect for the lives lost on September 11.

Mr. Heaton, while I think that the freedom of speech is an incredibly wonderful privilege in this great country, I would ask that you exercise yours with more judgment and aforethought. Please be more careful when you pick up your pen and attack every institution around you, as your thoughts are often quite offensive.

Adam Leonczyk
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Nose Knows...maybe

KRISTINA MARTINELLI

I had a dream the other night that I was on put on a list to give a speech in front of a church congregation. I wasn't prepared to give anything, but I got up to the podium just the same. I started talking about the little things in life and how important everything was, but how most people seem to take all these things for granted. It's one of the more realistic dreams I've ever had.

Have you ever just hugged one of your friends for the heck of it, maybe even just when you're saying goodbye? Have you recently told your boyfriend/girlfriend how much you love spending time with them? Or even more importantly, called your parents to say hello without asking for money?

I admit that I take a lot of the little things for granted, but I don't think I'm doing too badly. I frequently write letters to my out of state friends, even an occasional hello card to the parents. When I'm home on weekends, I go to breakfast with other relatives. Call me corny, but I wish on a star every night too.

I think to many people in this world just go through life, "just playing the game." Sure I'm worried about life after graduation, but I look as it as I have two and a half years to think about it. My life is not planned out once I leave WSC. that's for sure.

Everyone should take notice of everything going co around them, whether it be the people who plow snow in the winter, the ability to take a shower for more than 5 minutes alone (I've been there, bootcamp), or just literally smelling the roses.

I know that everyone has probably heard enough about this, but since September 11th, I have had to look at my life more carefully and recognize the things that weren't so important to me. Isn't it amazing that such a bad thing could happen, and so much good come out of it? Look at the overall reaction of the country, and look at the attitudes. So many people came together, and I bet they all realized how many things we take for granted. You can look to the flag as an example.

Since graduating from high school, I've had to do a lot of growing up, but also a lot of realization. I realized how important certain things are, who my friends are, and honestly, how to enjoy life more.

- If anyone found a dog tag and an Army Values tag with my name on it, I'm offering a cash reward: Armychc2 1@aol. com

- Swami is single.

-You're cute, deal with it.

K. Martinelli is a Voice columnist

COMMUTER EVENTS

Tuesday, November 13
Resume & Cover Letter Critique
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Wilson Taco Bell Lounge

Staff from office of Career Services will be available at a table to edit and critique your resume and/or cover letters. No appointment necessary. Just bring your rough drafts to the lounge and walk away with a final draft ready to go.

Wednesday, November 14
Non-Traditional Student Meeting
12:30 p.m.
Ely 130

Are you a non-traditional student interested in connecting with other non-traditional students at the College? Please come to this open meeting to meet others who share a common experience.

Thursday, November 15
Thanksgiving Dinner
4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Dining Commons

Special $3 price for all commuter students! Come and have dinner with your on-campus friends or meet other commuters over a hearty special Thanksgiving meal.

Life (according to me).

JON SEWELL

Several weeks ago, I wrote a column about the terrorist attacks of September 11th, the United States' inevitable military response, and my desire for peace. I had hoped that I wouldn't have to address the issue again, but in response to several comments regarding Kevin Heaton's column, I felt I had more to share.

Like Laura Cyr said last week, I don't know a whole lot about the war or about the people of the region. I simply don't have the time, or the inclination, to digest it all. So, I may be way off base here. And given the fact that I'm currently writing out of equal parts anger, frustration, confusion about my own beliefs, and sleep deprivation, the chances of this are greater than usual. Feel free to call me on any of this: dukesewell@hotmail.com.

Okay, the first thing I would like to address is the fruitlessness of a war meant to end terrorism. As long as there are people who are more powerful than others, as long as citizens experience oppression, real or imagined, hell, as long as there are nations, there will be terrorism. We may (and I stress the may) put a stop to tightly knit world-wide organizations like the al Qaeda, but to think we will eradicate terrorism itself is as naive as saying that we will see an end to war.

We're not fighting a war to end terrorism; we're fighting partly to find some measure of justice, and partly to further American political and economic interests.

We're not fighting a war to end terrorism; we're fighting partly to find some measure of justice, and partly to further American political and economic interests. I'm not saying that this is right or wrong. But we need to stop fooling ourselves about our motivation. Many of the nations brought into our coalition have made certain demands in return for their cooperation. China, for example, wants us to back off on the human rights issue. Are these concessions worth it, when we consider that terrorism itself is a concept, and not an actual physical entity that we can ever be "stopped"? Do we really think that all these nations are banding together in a common fight against evil? Gimme a break. Many of these states are using their membership in the coalition merely as political tools, knowing that we'll agree to demands that we would scoff at in less dire times. Will our revenge be worth it, when it comes time to make good on these promises? I'm not sure it will be.

That said, I have to question the tactics we are currently employing. I'm not saying that we shouldn't be going after bin Laden. I'm simply questioning the means in which we are doing so. I'm not sure that bombing the hell out of an already war torn country is going to accomplish much of anything, besides 1) killing a whole bunch of innocent civilians, and 2) creating more terrorists who are pissed at us.

If we're so intent on seeing the death of bin Laden, why didn't we kill him years ago, when the CIA first determined that he was a serious threat? I hardly think that "bringing him to justice" will amount to much of anything besides his execution, anyway. Why not be proactive about it, and spare several thousand lives in the process?

Shocking, huh? Am I, the kid who is always ranting about the need for more kindness and respect in the world, advocating the use of assassination? Yeah, I am. The thing is, I've pretty much given up on civilization. I won't ever abandon the hope of helping individuals, but I've come to accept that I will never be able to change the world. Every institution that has risen to levels of prominence on the global scale, be it a nation, religion, or economic organization, has done its share of evil acts.

People ask how we can justify the murder of suspected threats. Well, how the hell do we justify the bombing of hospitals and schools? How do we justify the "collateral damage" that comes with this kind of war, the deaths of terrified children and the elderly? Is this any better? I hate both options, but I'd rather see us murder a few dozen than slaughter thousands. Our country has performed evil acts in the past, and I'm okay with that. All nations have. But if we're gonna be evil, we may as well do it in a way that will spare innocents who want nothing to do with underhanded political agendas, or warped mockeries of religious jihads.

Chris Ward wrote a brilliant column a few weeks back, when be asked just how far this "war on terrorism" is going to go. When are we going to realize that our allies and we are often guilty of the very crimes that we use as a reference to condemn terrorists and the states that harbor them?

I'd like to end by replying to those who have called Kevin's column disrespectful or unpatriotic. Trust me, I disagree with many aspects of Kevin's politics. But he is attempting to raise awareness about issues that many people never consider. Yes, at a time like this, we as Americans should rally around each other, take pride in our heritage, and support one another. Rallying, however, does not mean becoming unthinking drones that accept everything our government tells us. I've said it before, and I'll say it again: contentment leads to stagnation.

You may say that on September 11th, you suddenly became more American. I say that I've been a proud American all my life, no more so now than at any other time.

You may say that it's more important than ever to fall in line and support the US war machine. I say that now's the time to question what exactly we're warring against.

You may say that you now wave the stars and stripes with pride, and any that don't follow suit should be ashamed of themselves. I say that being American is more than waving a flag around, it's about truly living a life that seeks liberty and justice for all.

See you next week.

J. Sewell is a Voice columnist

ASK HOOTZ?

Q: What should I do if a guy tells me he doesn't like me but he acts like he does so much? If he didn't like me, then he wouldn't flirt with me, right?

A: Well, there is that saying, "actions speak louder than words." But, in this case he could just be a flirtatious guy. Look around you or see how he interacts with other girls. Don't be blind and think you are the only one. If you've been friends for awhile, then he's confused about his feelings for you or he thinks that you're taking it like you are. If you just met him, chances are he's teasing you or just kidding around.

Drop off your questions to Hootz in the personals box!

Remembered Pasts

COLLIN PROCTOR

"Remembered Pasts" is a story written by student Collin Proctor. Each week a new chapter appears in The Campus Voice.

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13. Dear Jen

I don't know why I am writing this. We have talked to each other a lot in the last month. But it seems like I have left a lot of things unsaid. But I don't know what they are. I do know that losing you was the hardest thing I have had to do. I don't know why I fell so hard, and I know its not your fault, but I did. I know you did to, and that's why I couldn't understand it when you ended it.

Going to Ireland helped though. Being thrown in an unknown situation, I didn't have time to really think about things. Then I came home and found one of your shirts. I lost it. I am not trying to make you feel guilty, but last time we talked you wanted to know what I was thinking and I couldn't say anything because I didn't know. Well now I think I have some kind of idea. I loved you Jen and I didn't think I was going to make it.

Now I still love you but I feel differently now. I still can't think of you with anyone else, but I think I can move on. Maybe I am not writing this for you but for me. Understand that I have to be distant, because there is still pain. Eventually I do want to be some sort of friends, but it will take a while. Remember that stupid movie, the first night we hung out. You gave me something I never had, and I thank you. And I would die for you.
Love forever, Mike.

14. Mike's Senior Year.

Mike started school up looking forward to graduation. He felt strange going to parties, and bar's. His friends always were trying to get some, and Mike didn't really feel comfortable doing it. He was able to keep Jen off of his mind most of the time. He would think of her at random times and feel like shit, but he was able to rely on his friends.

He went into the second semester, and just like he met Jen, he accidentally started seeing another girl. It was a friend of his, and they got drunk and hooked up. They saw each other for all of the rest of the year. It was a relationship of convenience. Mike constantly found himself comparing her to Jen. He knew it was not as special as what he had had, but he liked it.

Of course, because life likes to throw curve balls, after Mike and Rachel (the new girl) started seeing each other, Mike ran into Jen. He saw her at a concert. He felt OK. He was as surprised as hell to see her, but he was OK with it. Then he saw Rick. Rick came up behind her and put his arm around her. She walked away from him and came up to Mike. Then Rachel came up to Mike. Mike's heart disintegrated in an instant. All the old feelings came back, and then were destroyed by seeing her with Rick. He didn't feel Rachel's arm on his shoulder. Afterward, he did not remember the awkward conversation that took place.

In the next few weeks Jen called him a few times, but he never found the time to call her back. She caught him a week before graduation and they agreed to meet and have lunch, for old time sake.

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Tune in next week for the next segment.

Coffeehouse

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two songs written by Sigman. "Seeing You", which Sigman dedicated to a close friend and another song that has yet to be named. Then Sigman and Berman performed a song called "Too Far".

Jon Berman then entertained the crowd with one of his fellow band mates from Clarias, Michael Giordano. With Giordano on guitar and vocals and Berman on saxophone, they played a few of their popular songs, including "Of My Sense Of Mind".

Junior Dave Lucander performed a spoken word with Brian Vermouth.

"I don't think I did as well as I'd wanted. But we'd both like to thank everyone for their attention. It's good to see people coming out to see fellow students show their talents. It gets them out doing stuff besides playing games on the Internet." Lucander also said that they have a CD coming out soon.

Senior Michael LeSanto took the stage again this time solo, performing some of his own songs.

Then sophomore George Durante sang with Brian Patten and Nick Lee, friends of his from Billerica. The trio played the guitar to original songs.

Durante said, "I think we should have done better. This was our second coffeehouse and compared to our first, this turnout is much better."

Murielle Georges a sophomore audience member, said, "I love them. They put me in a good mood when I'm down."

The Elements Crew was the highlight of the evening, performing their break-dancing act, getting whoever wasn't standing already up to their feet and clapping.

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

September Twilight performed at last Wednesday's coffeehouse.

The Elements Crew features WSC alumni Shaun Davis, senior Martin Lee, sophomores Katie Baker, Steve Becker, and Jenn Gilberts, Kyle Rudolph, and Dave Berube.

Freshman James Wilcox read some of his poetry to a delighted crowd. His poems were of personal memories that the audience enjoyed.

Wilcox said, "I think I did pretty good. I would like to do this again because I have done some of the open mike nights at Jester's and I have enjoyed those as well."

Leap Year Effect performed to a smaller crowd, yet they were full of energy as they let loose and sang a Tenacious D song, then about three songs of their own, which excited the crowd as Ritson and Skahan danced around the stage.

Leap Year Effect is Steve Ritson on vocals, Joe Skahan on bass/vocals, Dave Boczenowski on guitar, Greg Marsh on guitar and Rory Bellows on drums.

Riston said, "We enjoyed our set thoroughly and thankful to the audience and to the fire department in my hometown for helping us move the equipment to WSC."

Last to perform was the band Ryan, who decided to congregate in the middle of the lounge and perform acoustically. They performed a cover of Dave Matthews' "#41" and "Tripping Billies" and a few of their own songs.

"I think that this coffeehouse has gone pretty well. Some of the bands took a little longer getting on and off the stage than I would have liked, but that can be worked on," said Vice-President of Programming Angela LaPierre. " The Elements Crew was awesome. I thought that the bagels from Jester's were yummy. I'm glad more people want to sign up and get involved. It makes the coffeehouse better."

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

Winter Woes

JEFFREY J. MUZZY

For whom the cold tolls for, it tolls for me. That's right I hate the cold, there's nothing like making your way across the quad, collar pulled up tight, walking against the wind, which seems to blow right in your face walking to and from class. The winter wind reminds me of a class bully, taunting you and picking on you while you walked to school, then hiding around the corner waiting for school to get out, then taunt you and bully you all the way back.

In fact, I like to think of the winter wind as that bully who beat up poor Ralphie in "A Christmas Story" as he and his brother walked to and from school each day. Can anybody out there remember that kid's name? Actually, does anyone out there even know what movie I'm talking about? Hahahaha. I would like a name to curse at when I step out of Ely building. Someone drop the paper a line for me, will ya?

Now I know that we are only in November, the official winter season has yet to begin. I think that this is just a bad Patriot or Bears preseason to a worse season to come. Then again, the Bears are 5-1 at this writing with Cleveland coming up. So maybe, that could mean that this winter, surprisingly, may not be as bad as years before. There is always hope.

There's something else that bugs me about the winter, though. Why is it that this semester is called the fall semester, and next year is the spring semester, when in fact the worse winter weather we are going to receive will be during the next semester? Kind of ironic when you think about it. Actually, just when the old calendar records the first day of spring, we're too busy preparing for finals to enjoy our summer to even notice.

Born and bred in Springfield for 20 some odd years, you'd think I'd have gotten used to this by now. When you look at New England from a positive spin though, you see that from nature related disasters we do get off pretty lucky. I was out in California for ten days three years ago, and noticed a couple forest fires and encountered a 7.1 earthquake the morning I flew out. Last week I was in Florida, and while I didn't see much more than lightning, they are the home of the most lightning strikes in the world and are a magnet from hurricanes. Tornados, well, some meager ones, have hit our area here and there, but no mud slides unless you're at the local bar.

So if all we get is snow, and school is cancelled and our back stiffens up from shoveling, then I guess I can live with that. I suppose I could always move, but I like the foliage and people up here too much...in that order, hahaha (by 'the way hahaha' on a spell check is Hashanah).

But I would like to make a proposal to those that organize the bonfires at the beginning of the semester: when it's September 4th and 85 degrees outside, wait. Wait till November 5th or December 5th when we really need it. I think next semester I'll have to find a way to set all my classes in the same building, even if it's flute playing 101 and advanced calculus 336. The least amount of time I spend outside, the better.

Actually, my quick recommendation, when people around you are starting to get sick, start a two week period of Echinacea to boost your immune system. Dress warm, maybe on really cold days the food services will drop the coffee and cocoa by a couple of cents (hint hint) to keep everyone healthy. Carry some tissues and stay warm, so we'll all be tiptop during the holiday breaks and weekends to party and drink those mud slides.

You know, Murphy's Law, by the time this comes out it'll be back up to one of those warm fronts. But I know that it's coming, I'll be walking backwards cursing the air with no name. I hate the cold. By that's my chilly perspective.

Bands leave audience speechless

BY LAURA GIBSON
VOICE REPORTER

Westfield had a nice concert on Friday November 2, 2001, which I was able to see. The two bands that performed were Driftwood and Almost Speechless. The concert was from 8-10pm in the Third World Room. There was pizza and lemonade provided, which was very cool because I was really hungry.

Driftwood was up first. They consisted of three men, one lead singer/guitarist, with back up singer/bassist, and the drummer. I'd have to say that their music was punkish. The lead guitarist was really into the music. He showed a lot of emotion; a lot of moving around. The others basically kept to just playing. Their songs were about Satan and the Devil, and things of that sort. However, there was one which was a much happier song.

I felt that they did a great job. I liked how on their songs, they would quickly stop, no dying away. I wish I could have heard the lyrics more, but I really liked the bass, and the beat of their songs. All and all I enjoyed their performance.

Next up was Almost Speechless. There was a nice fifteen-minute break in between bands when raffle tickets were being sold. Almost Speechless is a five-man rock band. Their music was much calmer than Driftwood. In all their songs, there was a lot of two-three-part harmony, which I really enjoyed. I thought the harmonies were great. Sometimes there would be two melodies going on with one person holding one note which provided for a great sound. Since I have a good background in studying music, I was able to really enjoy what I was hearing. The lead singer in this band also looked very happy up there on stage. He always had a huge smile across his face. You could tell he was enjoying himself up there.

The band had just recently introduced a new drummer, Ryan Morgan. I felt he did a great job, being that he had just begun. One of their songs performed was "Drip." I really enjoyed the work Ryan had done on the slap cymbals in this piece.

Almost Speechless did a great job. I was able to hear the lyrics better. The bass and drums did not overshadow what was being sung. I really preferred the softer side, over Driftwood, but both bands did a great job. I enjoyed the night of music. I hope there are more to come in the future.

When Love Breaks

When love breaks,
it leaves the worst of heartaches.

Your heart stays intact,
but its love that stabs you in the back.

There's not much you can do,
but realize somewhere there is a love for you.

Moving on is the idea,
and friends help to keep the mind clear.

You can take time to mourn,
because love will arrive in new form.

Just get back on your feet,
and that's how you'll handle this defeat.

So when a love seems strong but breaks,
just think of how that love was a mistake.

Stephan Quinlan

Rane's performance does not make a new fan

BY JESSICA NORDEN
ASSISTANT A&E EDITOR

On Sunday November 4, at 8:00 in Ely main lounge, Rane performed to a pretty good crowd. Rane is Dan Prindle- vocals and bass, Kurt Rinaldi-percussion, Alan Veniscofsky-guitar, Ryan Bowman-guitar, and Travis LaMothe-percussion.

Their performance got off to a late start at 8:20. Their performance began with a good percussion introduction and the guitars and the bass were great, but the vocals were very hard to understand and then the song became more instrumental than lyrical, which would have been good if you could have actually heard the song's lyrics.

The second song flowed from the first. Prindle didn't really say what the names of the first two songs were and both songs were a lot more instrumental than I had hoped. "Where We Come From" was the third song of their performance, and you could hear their vocals much better during this song. There were not as many instrumentals, but the song was still pretty long.

Most of the beats and tunes were the same for the first three songs. At certain times, the beats were different but the percussion was great, even though it was a little louder than it should have been, because it drowned out Prindle's vocals when he sang. The tune was a bit of rock with a Jamaican background beat, and when there were vocals, not all of the words were understood.

Well, from what I've heard, this performance wasn't one of their better shows.

The drummer began the fourth song with a long drum roll, which in the beginning I thought was a finale, but turned out to be another song.

I thought that each song was a bit too long, and if there were more vocals, I think I may have liked their performance more than I did. I didn't like how each song seemed to flow continuously into one another. It became almost confusing after awhile, because I couldn't keep track of what song that were singing.

Many people in the audience were already fans of Rane. Well, from what I've heard, this performance wasn't one of their better shows. For those who weren't fans, myself included, this performance didn't really make me want to go out and buy their CD.

The Three

CHRIS PINEO

The Three is a story written by student Chris Pineo. Each week a new chapter appears in the Campus Voice.

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I headed out the door and proceeded to the bank where Steven Jewel worked. As I pulled around back I noticed this was a pretty small bank to handle a client like Pegasus Conglomerate. Pegasus had to be a multibillion-dollar client with holdings all over the known world. This didn't add up.

After a few hours in the lobby, an attendant informed me that I was early and would have to wait another hour. Finally I got in when the homicidal rage festering in me lapsed at the hours end.

Steven Jewel was not an obese man, but he was a little heavy for his thirties. His dyed blonde hair, long side burns, and piercing spoke of a mid-life crisis. For the sake of brevity I'll jump right into the interview and skip introductions.

I started slow, "What do you know about Pegasus Conglomerate?" He raised an eyebrow.

"I handle their finances in this city,"

I had to clarify for my tape recorder, "New York?" He nodded. I shrugged it off and asked, "What does that entail? Bribing senators?"

"This interview is over if you make an insinuation like that again. It entails transference of funds between Pegasus and their publics," he replied.

"Is the only senator posing a threat to their monopoly one of these 'publics'?"

"I don't know what you mean. Perhaps you might clarify?"

I threw the photos down in front of him.

"Ah. Jason Iditarod. This was simply a transfer of funds. That's me giving him the money. But, I know what you're inferring and I'll thank you to leave now." He pressed a button on the underside of his desk and his security had me outside the building quicker than greased owl poop. All my leads were turning into dead ends. My options were starting to limit themselves and I was no closer to answering the focal question; who are the three?

-Tune in next week!

The Latest from Clarias

JED DION

What do you call a catfish that walks on land in search of food? Clarias. This fish now shares it's name with an acoustic jam rock band. Based in Boston, Clarias the band has made a name for itself with intense jams in venues all over New England, and has recently released a debut album titled "Intro," which was recorded at Zing Studios in Westfield

The band features Michael Giordano on guitar and vocals, Joe Iafrate on guitar and bass, Damian Gates on bass, guitar and vocals, Greg West on drums and Westfield State College's own Jon Berman. Berman, formally of ska turned who-knows band the Infamous Shoeless Joe fills the acoustic rock sound out with the wailing sounds of his saxophone.

The disc starts of with "Sense of Mind" a rocking tune that starts off sweetly and then launches into a frenzy of saxophone and wah guitar. Clarias' music is very reminiscent of bands like Almost Speechless and Rane. It would be cliche for me to compare them to Dave Matthew's Band, so I won't.

Although this kind of music is not my forte, I caught my self drumming along on my desk as this 6 song album played through my stereo. The songs have a very live sound. Between the energetic guitar lines, the wailing saxophone lines and the quick song pace, this band sounds like the band to check out live. The song "For What it's Worth" falls under this description perfectly.

The third song "You Might Remember" is a sweet mellow song with a sad story behind it, and the next song, "Back Too Soon", picks the pace back up again. Clarias' tunes tend to be all around the same tempo, but differ in the way each song is presented. Some feature noodling guitar solos while others concentrate more on the guitar chords. Some songs stick the saxophone lines outfront while others use it to fill in the rhythm of the song.

'Intro," all in all is a good CD and worth picking up if you're into acoustic rock. The only thing that made me crazy about this CD is the singers incessant use of the made up word "ya-deey" in nearly every song. I suppose its a good thing though, that the only thing I could really complain about was a few made up words. Check out Clarias next time they appear on campus, and be sure to visit their very nice website at www.clarias.org.

Top 6 Ways to Get Through Registration

6. Go and take any 4 classes so you are still considered a student. Then when add/drop time comes around you can get all of these classes people decide to drop.

5. When at registration, start crying and say that your mom's death wish was for you to get a perfect schedule. (Maybe some sap will hook you up).

4. Slip the person a $20. Hell, teachers complain about their salaries all of the time, maybe they would really appreciate the money.

3. Just go to the classes you want and when they say that you aren't registered to be in their class, say that it must be a mistake because you sat in add/drop for 5 hours to get into that class. (Some teachers may be dumb enough to believe it!)

2. Hack into the computer system and overload yourself. With the technologies of today, anything is possible. If you can order pizza through the internet, I'm pretty sure you can get into student records.

1. Don't bother with classes. They just take up useful party time.

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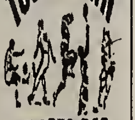

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Heed football coach Steve Marino gives his players a big hand after their thrilling 34-30 victory over Worcester State College on Nov. 3. *Photo By David Harris-Fried*

Owls Edge Worcester In Thriller, 34-30

By Mickey Curtis, SID

WESTFIELD, Mass. - Sophomore Matt Yvon of East Longmeadow had 13 catches for 215 yards - both school records - and caught three touchdown passes, including the game-winner with 59 seconds remaining, to rally Westfield State to a thrilling 34-30 victory over Worcester State in a battle of undefeated New England Football Conference teams.

Westfield (9-0 overall, 6-0 NEFC Bogan Division) advanced to the NEFC championship game, where it faced Boyd Divison champion Nichols College. The championship game was held Saturday, Nov. 10, at Worcester State College at 1:00 p.m. Westfield defeated Nichols College, 14-7, in a cross divisional matchup on Oct. 27.

The winner of the NEFC title game will receive an automatic berth into the NCAA Division III Tournament, which begins Nov. 17. Worcester State, 9-1, is awaiting a possible ECAC playoff berth.

"I love these kids, they are unbelievable," said Westfield State head coach Steve Marino. "We made some huge mistakes but we kept battling back. And we got some great performances from Matt Yvon, and defensively from Tim Corr and Josue Zamora."

The Owls started their game-winning 7-play, 62-yard touchdown drive with 2:31 remaining. On third down from the six-yard line, sophomore quarterback Chris Lapointe (17-for 36, 285 yards) hooked up with Yvon on their favorite play - a slant pattern - for the game-winning score.

"We worked all week on that play," said Yvon. "I was confident I could get open today because they had the linebackers covering me in the flats."

"Worcester State tried to play our receivers with their linebackers and it gave us some freedom," said Marino.

The game-winning score set up a frantic finish. Worcester returned the kickoff to the Westfield 47, then standout quarterback Cean Oksanish completed a 14-yard pass on fourth down to Jeremy Frisch to place the ball at the Westfield 26 with eight seconds remaining.

Oksanish threw an incomplete pass that was batted down in the middle of the end zone by Westfield defensive back Alan Gates with two seconds remaining. On the game's final play, Oksanish could not find any open receivers and ran upfield with the ball. He picked up 21 yards before being tackled by several Westfield defenders at the five-yard line.

"This was a great game and the biggest game we've ever had," understated Marino.

The lead changed three times throughout the emotion-packed game that was played in front of a boisterous crowd of more than 3,000. Trailing 7-0, Worcester State took a 19-7 lead late in the first half. Oksanish threw touchdown passes covering 17 yards to Frisch and 47 yards to Pat Arnold, and Hampton Clarkson scored on a three-yard run.

Oksanish, a sophomore from Grafton, completed 13 of 24 passes for 264 yards and two touchdowns. He now has 31 touchdown passes this season, a New England Division III record.

Westfield took a 27-19 lead early in the third quarter on touchdown runs of 53 and five yards by Shawn Lyman. The senior standout from West Springfield - ranked fifth nationally - finished with 125 yards on 23 carries.

Yvon had touchdown receptions in the first half covering 10 and 31 yards. He now has 10 TD catches this season, a new school record. Holding the previous marks for catches and receiving yards in a game, and receiving touchdowns in a season was Greenfield native Tim Peters.

Worcester State tied the score at 27-27 with 2:21 left in the third quarter on a spectacular 69-yard punt return down the left sideline by Frisch. Oksanish kicked a 26-yard field goal to give the Lancers a 30-27 lead wih 11:52 left in the game.

"Our defense stood up, and they shut them down in the second half," said Marino. "They had 19 points at halftime and they scored their only touchdown in the second half on a punt return and a field goal."

Senior end Tim Corr and junior middle linebacker Josue Zamora led the defensive charge. Zamora created havoc the entire game with 10 tackles (five solos), a blocked punt, two blocked point after touchdowns, and an interception.

Corr was in the Worcester offensive backfield for most of the game. He recorded 10 tackles, including four for losses totaling 37 yards, two sacks, a forced fumble, and a pass deflection. In addition, Corr punted 10 times for a 35.7 average.

Also playing well was junior back Ryan Clifford, who posted a team-high 13 tackles, including 10 solos. Clifford also was 4-for-4 in point after touchdown kicks.

"I wasn't leaving anything on the field," said Corr. "I didn't want this game to be the last one."

Men's Soccer Wins ECAC Opener

WESTFIELD - Junior Chris Whalley of Southwick tallied a goal and two assists to lead Westfield State to a 3-1 victory over local rival Westem New England College in the quarterfinals of the ECAC Division III New England men's soccer tournament on Wednesday, Nov. 7.

The Owls, seeded second in the eight-team tournament, improved to 11-6-1. WNEC, seeded seventh, finished with a 14-8-1 record.

The Owls hosted Babson in a semifinal game on Saturday, Nov. 10, at 1:00 p.m. Babson advanced with a 1-0 victory over U-Mass Darmouth. In the other semifinal, topseeded Plymouth will host Gordon College. Plymouth defeated Wentworth, 4-2, while Gordon edged Springfield in penalty kicks, 4-3, after the teams played to a scoreless tie.

Whalley scored the game-winner goal in the 70th minute on a penalty kick to snap a 1-1 tie. Whalley also assisted on Joe Calabrese's goal that staked Westfield to a 1-0 halftime lead.

The Owls added an insurance goal from sophomore Jay Martins of Ludlow with four minutes remaining. The goal originated on a pass down the left sideline from Whalley to sophomore Jay Chelo of Ludlow. Chelo then delivered a perfect left footed cross to Martins near the right post.

WNEC tied the score in the 61st minute on a goal by freshman Jose Molina, the Golden Bears' leading scorer.

Goalie D.J. Conway of Springfield - Westfield's only senior - played well between the pipes with 10 saves, including several spectacular stops.

Worcester 2 - Westfield 1

WORCESTER - Worcester State edged Westfield State, 2-1 in the Mass. State Conference men's soccer tournament championship game played Saturday evening, Nov. 3.

The Lancers, 15-2-2 overall, advanced to the NCAA Division III national tournament.

The loss snapped the Owls' nine-game unbeaten streak. Their last defeat before Saturday was a 1-0 loss to Worcester on Sept. 28.

Worcester took a 1-0 lead at the 25-minute mark on an own goal as a Westfield defender headed the ball into his own net following a Worcester cross.

The Lancers increased the lead to 2-0 at the 75-minute mark on goal by Glade Dennis. Westfield scored with seven minutes remaining on a penalty kick by Chris Whalley of Southwick.

Volleyball Falls In Finale

BRIDGEWATER - The Westfield State women's volleyball team lost to Bridgewater State in the championship of the Mass. State Conference tournament.

Bridgewater, 31-5 overall and ranked 8th in New England, swept the Owls 30-25, 30-21, 30-20.

Bridgewater, which was its fourth straight title, was once again led by the tandem of Jennifer Cedrone and Shawna O'Neill. Cedrone, the Conference Player of the Year, recorded 21 kills and 27 digs, while O'Neill tallied 54 assists in two matches.

In the semifinals, Westfield edged Framingham in three sets: 32-30, 32-30, and 30-21.

"Katelyn Foley played well offensively, including serving, and Katie Simlick was consistent the entire day. She made the plays that had to be made," said coach Hilary Ducharme

The Owls finished with a 12-15 overall record and placed second in the Mass. State Conference with a 6-1 mark.

"With our challenging play schedule we had a pretty competitive season," said Ducharme. "We worked through some injuries halfway thru and late in the season and we were a better team for it."

Seniors finishing their four-year careers were Simlick and Sarah Cormier, both first team all conference selections this season.

"Leadership-wise, those are some pretty big shoes to fill," Ducharme said of the two seniors.

Sophomore Matt Yvon was nemed ECAC New England and NEFC Offensive Player of the week for his school-recordsetting pelormances (13 cetches, 215 yards) vs. Worcester State.

Ice Hockey Handles Framinghman

The Westfield State ice hockey team defeated Framingham State, 6-4, on Wednesday, Nov. 7.

The Owls jumped out to a 4-0 in the second period behind goals from Bobby Shaw, freshmen Alan Donnelly and Marc McGuire, and Mike Fitzgerald.

Westfield got the game winner on Shaw's second goal late in the second period. Sophomore Mike Palazzola added the insurance goal late in the third.

"We converted on three of seven powerplays, which I am very pleased with; however, we allowed all of their goals while shorthanded. We have to improve and correct our discipline," said Westfield coach Brian Ward.

Sophomore netminder Ardian Kalezic stopped 32 out of 36 shots for his second win of the season. The Owls own a 2-1 record.

Westfield 6 - Lehigh 2

The Westfield State College ice hockey team defeated Lehigh, Pa., in its home opener, 6-2.

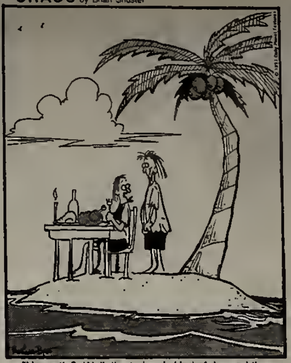
The Owls never trailed, as sophomore defenseman and co-captain Kevin Pelkey started the scoring at 17:22 of the first period.

Westfield also received a game-winning goal from team captain Mike Fitzgerald, and sophomore Bobby Shaw led the way with two goals, including a powerplay

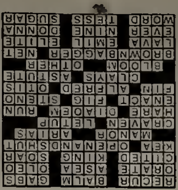
Mike Palazzola added a short-handed goal, while the Owls also got a goal from James Carapella Ryan Lawless, last season's leading scorer, added two assists and sophomore goalie Ardian Kalezic stopped 34 shots.

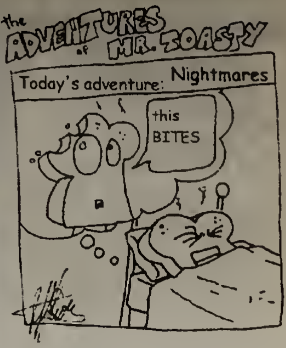
"We did some good things, but we took too many penalties," said coach Brian Ward. "We must improve our discipline. "

CHAOS by Brian Shuster



"Honestly? Well, the turkey is kind of dry, and these are just about the blandest potatoes I've ever eaten."





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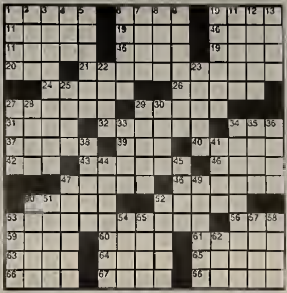

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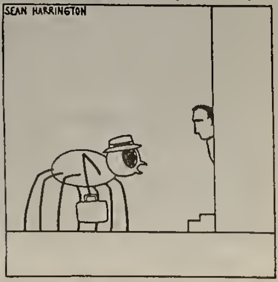

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Personals

There's a Lost and Found in the Dining Commons. If you lost something, go see Mary.

Damn! I love those Courtney Girls!

LEM, why won't you eat with me?

Diana: Wanna rap?

Muffin, Mohawk Trail was great! You Win! Happy Anniversary!

Sisters can be the best listeners. I love you, Allie, call me if you need anything.

Sarai - It will work out! Smile! Love, Mam

Kelley - Can we go back to freshman year?

Hey Matt, What about them old boobs.

Dave, Are you Russell Road's Model?

Sarah Carney is GORGEOUS!

If you like heavy metal, then you should listen to Jay and Melissa's radio show. 12-2 Mon.

Hey Eric- I really do love those flannel shirts!

Snoochie Boochie Noochies!

To the best date in the whole world –Rich, you rock!

Homework sucks! - DHD

Yankees suck! Jeter swallows.

Stop F**K*** with our paychecks!

Where is bedtime? It's 5:30

Pat, Why did you try and make out with a guy?

Did we really limbo?

Hey Sherry - 4 out of 6 ain't bad!

Obviously if there are no cars at Southwick, you probably shouldn't go in. (or check the hours)

The "Tribute to American Heroes" benefit concert in Springfield should have honored the U.S. Military too!!!

Di-Vaaaas???

I hate when teachers always pick on me! Everyone knows that i'm stupid, but we don't need to point it out more!!!

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

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WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events

Day	Time	Event	Location
Mon 11/12		NO CLASSES	
	8:00 p.m.	"Say What Karaoke" Auditions	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Down to Earth"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Head of Heels"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Tue 11/13	5:30 p.m.	Student Government Meeting	SGA Room
	7:00 p.m.	Guest Lecture Series-Anne Fadiman	Scanlon Living Room
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Traffic"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Exit Wounds"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Wed 11/14	4:30 p.m.	Campus Activities Board	SGA Room
	7:00 p.m.	Jazz Night	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	"Say What Karaoke" Finals	$$Dever Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "A Knight's Tale"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Forsaken"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Thur 11/15	7:00 p.m.	Soulfood Dinner	Third World Room
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Sweet November"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Along Came a Spider"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Karaoke Night	Ely Main Lounge
Fri 11/16	4:15 p.m.	Gay Straight Alliance	Dickinson Common Rooms
	5:00 p.m.	Jujitsu Club	Ely Wellness Center
	8:00 p.m.	Murder Mystery Theatre	$$ Scanlon
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	9:00 p.m.	Friday Night Movies	E-lower lounge
	11:00 p.m.	BINGO Party	Third World Room
Sat 11/17	TBA	Cross Country Championships	Rock Island, IL
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live w/ WSKB	Ely Main Lounge
Sun 11/18	5:00 a.m.	Trip to the White Mountains	Franconia, NH
	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
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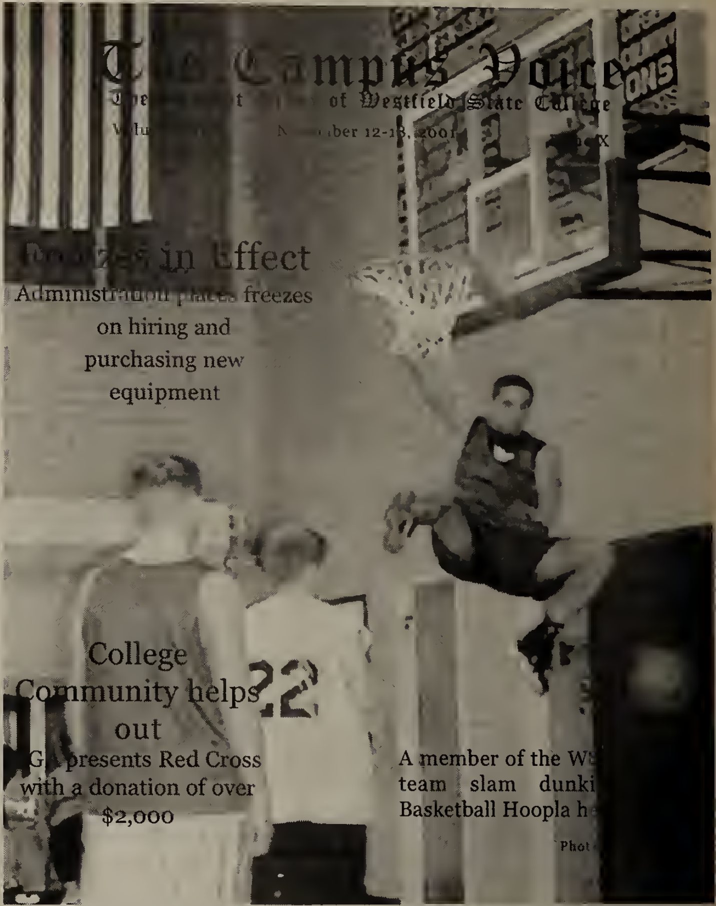

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Student arrested for alleged rape

By Adrienne Lamplough
Voice Reporter

A Westfield State College student was arrested at 6:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 11, and charged with rape. Senior Aaron E. Ragland of Springfield was arrested for allegedly raping a female resident in the apartment complex.

Ragland, a member of the WSC football team, was detained on a $5,000 bond and temporarily held at Stonybrook Detention Center in Ludlow.

Tuesday, November 13, Ragland was released without bail from Westfield's Municipal Court on

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Football team completes first undefeated regular season, goes on to championships

By Tim Montgomery
Voice Reporter

Outside Ely room 230 hangs a chart with nine weeks laid out to represent the football regular season. On it, written in columns, are defensive objectives like "No More Than 100 Yards Rushing" and "Hold Opponents Scoreless in the Fourth Quarter."

It's a tally sheet that the Westfield State College Div. III Owls football team uses to signify when they reach their defensive goals for the week. When the target is reached the box is highlighted, hut it is the top column that is shaded in fluorescent yellow across the top every single week: the win column.

With their 34-30 defeat over Worcester State College in front of 3,430 fans three weekends ago, the Owls (10-0, New England Football Conference, Bogan Div.) have completed their first undefeated regular season.

157 yards from Shawn Lyman, on 31 carries, against Nichols College boosted the Owls to a 12-0 victory and their first New England Football Conference (NEFC) championship. Lyman scored the only touchdown of the game and totaled more rush yardage personally than the entire Nichols offense (124 yards).

This winn allowed Westfield to advance to the National Collegiate Athletics Associations Division III Football Championship against the Western Connecticut State Colonials Saturday, November 17.

Describing Westfield State College football in three words is easy- "tastes like candy."

Not only has Westfield's football team dominated the Bogan

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-Photo by Meg Canning

WSC cornerback Alan Gates hugs fellow teammate Mike Hurteau, linebacker, after their victory over Nichols College on November 10.

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

Say What Karaoke winners, from left to right: First place winner Brian Scott, Second place winner Lauren Stearley, and Third place winner Gracie Jones. Turn to page 11 for story.

Admissions counselor elected to city council

By Alison Close
Voice Reporter

Westfield State College Admissions Counselor Brent Bean not only won the Westfield City Council election, but won by quite a bit. being the first person to break the 4,000 vote mark since 1993.

This lifelong Westfield resident came close to breaking the record for largest vote receiver in the City Council race collecting 4,093 votes.

Bean has spent three years at WSC as an Admissions Counselor.

"I'm responsible for the recruitment and file review for incoming students of the college," Bean said. "My professional experience at WSC has given me the ability to work cooperatively and effectively to achieve common goals, something that will help me succeed as city councilman."

Now that he is in this position, Brent said he plans to bring about more community involvement and communication between the City Council and the people of Westfield.

"I want to improve the community's access to information via web site, e-mail, phone, office hours and an open-door policy. I want free exchange of ideas and thought and to express the importance that an active community has a successful government," he said.

Bean said he first became interested in running for office about three years ago and was appointed to Westfield Water Commission in 1999.

"I wanted to get a better understanding on how the city works, to get my feet wet and to serve the citizens of Westfield," he explained.

In what Bean calls a "grass roots" campaign, he visited 2,500 doors in Westfield.

"I was able to run a positive and energetic campaign and I couldn't have done it with out the help and support of my committee, family and friends, and the voters of Westfield, who in turn gave me their trust," he said.

"The reason why I ran for city

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·Photo by Kelly Clarke

New city councilor Brent Bean

Circle K serves the community

By Brooke Ann Popielarz
Voice Reporter

Circle K is a community service club that works under the leadership of the Kiwanis Club of Westfield and is funded by the Kiwanis Club of Westfield and Student Government.

"Circle K not only builds leadership skills, but builds character to be ready for the real world," Circle K President Vanessa Whaley said.

The Circle K club concentrates on community service projects focused on helping children. The club recently attended the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute (KPTI) in Boston for the day.

Eleven of the twenty members of the club visited the section of the hospital where children were seriously injured from accidents and abuse.

The Kiwanis Club of Westfield has a partnership with KPTI, where any funds raised will go to KPTI to help the children in need of care.

"The visit was good because we now understand where our money goes once we raise it," Matt Frederick, Circle K Web Page Designer said.

"It is nice to know the New England district focuses on helping kids," sophomore Lisa Garrity, secretary of Circle K, said.

After Thanksgiving break this semester, the club is decorating presents for KPTI patients and spending a day with them for the holiday season, according to members.

Circle K held a dinner last week to raise money for their club. Special guest speakers such as the Mayor of Westfield, Richard Sullivan, the President of the Kiwanis Club of Westfield, President of the Key Club from Westfield High School, President Woodward and the District Governor of Circle K, Kristina Dlugozima from Northeastern University, all spoke at the event.

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The holidays are here again, and its time to reflect on what we are thank ful for. Check out the Voices Overheard to hear what your fellow students are grateful for.
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Collin Proctor writes his final installment of *Remembered Pasts*. Will Jen and Mike live happily ever after? Check out the A&E section to find out.
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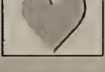

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Division, they have dominated the statistics sheets too.

But it wasn't sophomore wide receiver Matt Yvon, first in receiving yards in the NEFC and averaging 100 yards per game, that got them to the top.

Senior defensive end and punter Tim Corr, fifth in sacks and second in punting yardage this season, didn't get WSC to the top alone either.

It had a lot to with their team slogan, "It All Starts Here," and the team ethics that 12-year Head Coach Steve Marino works to motivate his team with.

"We talk about being blue collar and it's sort of a cliché' now, but we really are," said Marino. "We come out and go to work every day."

"In order for us to win, everybody has to work hard," said Marino.

Marino said the win over Worcester was the "biggest... biggest [win] by far" in his coaching career, which spans over 16 years and includes Ludlow High School.

Yvon helped make the win against Worcester State College possible with a six-yard touchdown reception from quarterback Chris LaPointe. LaPointe, a sophomore, is ranked third in the NEFC for pass efficiency with 84 completions on 186 attempts for a 45% completion rating.

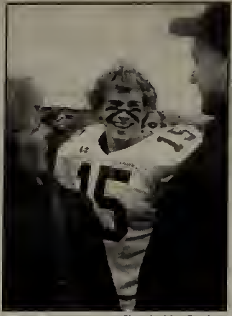
"We're definitely excited to continue making history at Westfield," said LaPointe, who transferred from Connecticut for the 2001 season. "I've had a lot of fun, especially with the year that we've been having."

Marino said the team is enjoying their accomplishments for now and sees no pressure for future seasons.

"I think the kids take some pride in the fact that they have established a certain level of competence that maybe other teams now can try to reach," Marino said. "We'd like to get Westfield State to be one of the elite programs."

Off the field, Westfield's team has struggled with low player turnout and a slim coaching staff of five, compared to the ten coaches that Worcester State had on its sidelines three weeks ago.

Four good recruiting years and hard work from the players and assistant coaches have brought them to the NCAA Div. III Football Tournament.



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WSC defensive cornerback Pat Swett celebrates the win with his mother and high school football coach.

Rape

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his own recognizance. There were about 15 students at the hearing to show support for Ragland.

"It's a tragedy whenever something like this happens. We put a lot of effort into our investigations," said Chief Paul Scannell. "The more education we get, the better off we are."

Campus Police records at WSC show there were three reported rapes on campus in 1999 and five reported rapes in 2000. Last year, there was one report of other sexual assaults, such as indecent touching. Reports of this type had been dropping in recent years from three in 1997, to one in 1998, to none in 1999.

Many sexual assaults go unreported, Jacqueline Sheehan, Director of the Counseling Center said in a public affairs press release. "Women will quickly blame themselves."

"They go on with their lives, but quite often find themselves dealing with the issue years later. We see it with a lot of students, who tell us about sexual assaults that happened in high school," Sheehan explained.

Sheehan said WSC is trying to create an environment in which students feel comfortable reporting sexual assaults.

"About 90 to 100 percent of sexual assault incidents on college campuses are alcohol related," Sheehan said. "So alcohol abuse prevention programs, as well as self-esteem workshops, are among the programs combating sexual assault."

A positive thing that happened on campus is the start of a group called Men Against Rape and Sexual Assault (MARASA), Sheehan said. MARASA, organized by Stephen Boykin of Residential Life, encourages male students to think responsibly about this issue.

There are a few possible sexual assault prevention programs on campus that help to educate students about rape prevention. Health Services offers programs and presentations on sexually transmitted diseases. The Counseling Center offers a program called "How to Help a Friend Who Has Been Assaulted".

Interactive sessions on high-risk behaviors are held during student orientation. There have also been guest speakers and workshops to educate students about womens' issues. For example, Psychologist Alan Berkowitz spoke on building healthy college communities. Media Analyst Jean Kilbourne spoke on the effects of advertising on the image of women. The campus also has available posters and brochures on the college's policy on rape and sexual assault.

"In general we do prevention and educating programs on a regular basis and we will continue to do these prevention programs," said Susan LaMontagne, Director of Judicial Affairs, said.

"Almost all college sexual assault incidents over decades have been about acquaintance rape, usually at a party when one or both of those involved have been drinking," said LaMontagne.

"The big myth that needs to be debunked for our campus, anyway, is this whole idea of stranger rape — that someone is going to jump out of the bushes and assault you," LaMontagne said.

From the Editor's Desk

It could happen to you

Rape occurs on every college campus all over this country. Unfortunately, it is a common occurrence even though it may seem uncommon to us. However, this week the problem hit home when a rape was reported on campus. Whether the accused is guilty or innocent is not my place to judge, but just the fact that it was reported served as a wake-up call. We all know that rape happens but we seem to put it in the back of our minds. This incident reminded us all that our campus is not a safe haven away from all that is bad. Rape can happen here.

Parents send their children to college with the hopes they will be safe living on their own. Colleges reassure parents there are many safety regulations in place and programs concerning alcohol abuse and sexual assault prevention throughout the year. But can and do these programs really work? Can they work when they have the typical low attendance of many events on campus? Do they work if rapes are happening here?

In one aspect, the fact that a rape was reported can be seen as proof that programs have some success. Studies show that only 16 percent of rapes and sexual assaults are reported to the police. Therefore, the report could be an indictor that programs at WSC are working. But, as Madeleine Cahill, professor of Communications, said in a Campus Voice story last year, "If any woman gets raped on this campus, we're obviously not doing enough."

The issue of rape on a college campus is a very sensitive yet vitally important issue. According to the 1995 National College Health Risk Behavior Survey, a study among women has shown one out of every five college-aged women report being forced to have sexual intercourse. Of the incidents of sexual victimization, the vast majority occurred after 6 p.m. in living quarters. Nearly 60 percent occurred in the victim's residence, 31 percent occurred in other living quarters on campus and 10 percent occurred at a fraternity, according to Bureau of Justice statistics.

Rape is a problem that should be discussed and worked on. People should be taught that most cases of rape and sexual assault are perpetrated by an acquaintance. And people should be aware that most rapes involve alcohol. Women should not be fearful, but they should keep in mind that this is an occurrence that could happen to them. We need to remember that our college environment is not immune to the crimes and evils of the outside world.

One question that always comes up when a rape is reported is, "Did he or didn't he?" Did he really rape her, or did she cry rape? I have already heard these questions come up with many students. Often times many believe the female is making a false accusation. I cannot say what the case is with the occurrence here, and I would like to remind people of the rule "innocent until proven guilty."

But it also worries me that so many people are quick to jump to the assumption that the woman has made up the story or is confused about what happened. It is important to point out that only 2-3 percent of rape cases reported are false reports. Only 8 percent of the reports are unfounded, which means the case was not prosecutable for any number of reasons. Meaning that many reported rapes are not fabricated stories and the stereotype of the girl who cried rape is entirely overused.

At this point, we do not yet know if the reported rape really happened on campus. The court of law will decide that. We cannot continue with our lives and existence and forget about this report. The issue of rape and the impact it has on its victims is far too great to be forgotten. We must all remember that rape is a factor on college campuses. This incident should serve as a wake-up call that we should be more aware of our surroundings. Our college campus is not immune to dangers.

Laura Cyr
Editor-In-Chief

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There will be no issue coming out on November 26 due to Thanksgiving break. The next issue of The Campus Voice will come out on Dec. 3. Have a great holiday.

Campus Briefs

Winter White Stag

Instead of those PJ pants you wear every day to class, have some pride in yourself. Get dressed up and get off your ass. The Winter White Stag will be held on Friday, December 7 from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. in Scanlon Banquet Hall. Tickets are $10 before Thanksgiving break and $12 after. Tickets can be purchased at the Teller Window in Ely. So get dressed up, try to recruit yourself a date, but if you can't... come anyway. The Winter White Stag is Great!!!

Westfield State College to host media panel on diversity

The coverage of minorities by various news outlets will be the topic of a panel discussion at Westfield State College. Three area journalists will participate in the program, "Press Coverage of Minorities," at 4 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 28, in the Ely Campus Center television studio.

"Many critics of the media argue that readers and viewers get 'white news' or 'straight news' or 'Anglo news,'" said Henry Wefing, a professor of communications at Westfield State. "It will be interesting to hear how these veteran, real-world practitioners have directed coverage of their diverse communities."

The panelists will be Wayne Phaneuf, executive editor of the Springfield Newspapers; James Foudy, editor of The Daily Hampshire Gazette, and Brian Zelasko, former news director of WWLP-TV (Channel 22), and now public affairs director for the United Way of the Pioneer Valley.

George Layng, assistant professor of English at Westfield State and a former journalist, will moderate the panel.

SGA addresses campus rape issue

By Kristin Palpini
Voice Reporter

In response to a recent alleged rape in the WSC apartment complex, the Student Government Association met to discuss what actions to take to inform and protect students from sexual assault.

The alleged rape was reported to Public Safety November 11 at 3:30 a.m. Senior Aaron E. Ragland was arrested, charged with rape and detained on a $5000 bond. He was released November 12 on his own recognizance.

"This assault was not a danger to the community. We know the accused party- there is no need for alarm," said Paul Scannell, Director of Public Safety and advisor for SGA, said.

SGA proposed holding lectures on sexual assault and posting flyers around campus to better inform and protect the community, but no definitive conclusions were made.

> **"This is the fifth safest campus in Massachusetts, but that doesn't mean bad things can't happen."**
> **Paul Scannell**
> **Director of Public Safety**

SGA asked Scannell and Darrell Hendery, Executive Director of the Campus Center, what they planned to do to protect students from attacks.

Scannell said he believes educating students and making them aware of sexual assault through news releases would help stop these attacks.

"This is the fifth safest campus in Massachusetts, but that doesn't mean bad things can't happen," Scannell said.

"The beauty of SGA is that you can decide what you want to do. What would you like to do? That's what this is all about," Hendery said.

At this point there are no scheduled lectures or other means of educating students about sexual assault planned.

Bean

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councilman was because Westfield is at a turning point. A lot of exciting things will be happening in the near future and I would like to be a part of it," Bean said.

"I have a passion for Westfield, a vested interest in the city. The citizens of Westfield need to be heard. We need to bridge the gap between city government and the citizens of Westfield," he said.

Bean said his tenure as a member of the Water Commission, together with his years of service with the Chamber of Commerce, has provided many opportunities to work closely with the City Council in previous years.

Students of WSC said they are pleased with a member of the faculty gaining such a respectable position.

"I think it's great that someone working at Westfield State would be elected for something that important," junior Special Education and Psychology major Meghan Perreauot said. "It makes the school look good."

Junior Kathleen Rogers said, "Since WSC is such a big part of the city of Westfield, I think it's a good decision to have one of its faculty on the City Council."

Bean said he has been a part of many commissions and organizations, including Westfield Water Commissioner, Westfield Vision Committee: City Infrastructure, Westfield Chamber of Commerce: Fundraising Committee "Sparkplugs," and Honorary Deputy Sheriff of Hampden County, Westfield Youth Soccer Coach, Granville Reservoir Source Water Protection: Advisory Committee and Winding River Land Conservancy, among others.

"I strongly believe that voter access to elected city officials and continuing dialogue with all segments of the community are crucial to the creation and maintenance of a strong city government that truly listens to the voice of its constituents."

Attention Seniors

Keep your eyes on the mail! You will be receiving letters regarding senior portraits. I urge you not to throw these letters out. Having your senior portrait is one way to capture the memories of senior year.

Another way to capture moments, not only of senior year but also of the last four years, is Tekoa, Westfield State's yearbook. Unfortunately, we WILL NOT be able to produce a yearbook without the cooperation of at least 300 seniors.

I strongly urge you to consider having your portrait taken next month, December 4 and 5. Do not let the Westfield State yearbook be a lost tradition. The yearbook will also be a great memento of our time together.

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Voice of The Week

Stephen Marino

POSITION AT WSC: Head coach of WSC football team

HOMETOWN: Ludlow, MA

YEARS AT WSC: 12

FAMILY: Wife, Betsy, and 3 children

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: Students

QUESTION YOU WOULD MOST LIKE ANSWERED: Where do my socks go when I put them in the dryer?

HOBBIES: Golf, Reading

PERSON YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: Bill Parcels

BEST DAY OF LIFE: First date with Betsy and the days my children were born

FAVORITE QUOTE: "I can sum up everything I've learned about life in 3 words: it goes on." Robert Frost

FAVORITE BOOKS: Huck Finn and Prince of Tides

FAVORITE FOOD: Pizza

FAVORITE TV SHOW: West Wing

FAVORITE PRO FOOTBALL TEAM: Patriots

WHY IS THE WSC FOOTBALL TEAM SO SUCCESSFUL THIS YEAR: Player leadership & talent. I am proud of the accomplishments of the football team & I hope they have instilled pride in the campus community.

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KELLEY ARBEENE
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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

"THE SECURITY AND FEELING THAT YOUR PARENTS WILL BE HOME FOR YOU."

RYAN BOVINETT
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"FRIENDS AND FAMILY! THESE DAYS YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU'LL LOSE THEM."

ASHLEY JOSSELYN
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COMMUNICATIONS

"FOR ITALIAN HOME-COOKED THANKSGIVING MEALS AND DOUBLE SIDED TAPE."

MELISSA SAPORETTI
2003
COMMUNICATION

"THAT I'LL BE GETTING TO EAT SOME TURKEY THIS WEEKEND."

MIKE MASTROTOTARO
2005
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Voices Overheard compiled by Tom Perron

Circle K

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About thirty members of the Kiwanis Club of Westfield attended.

Circle K also attended the annual New England District Convention in Maine a couple months ago. The twelve members from WSC participated in many team building activities and icebreakers and received recruitment advice, too.

"Overall, 100 people attended from all New England colleges and we got to meet tons of people," Garrity said.

Webb said she learned how Circle K has a certain protocol and hierarchy that is necessary for the club's success.

Whaley and Garrity were chosen to attend the international conference in August last summer in Buffalo, New York for one week. Circle K members covered locations from Florida to Canada to Jamaica. The purpose of the conference was for them to learn the skills needed to carry out a campus Circle K club.

"At that conference we saw the induction ceremony of the new officers for the international club," Garrity said.

Whaley said that she got many great ideas from attending the convention.

The club plans on doing weekly community service projects next semester. The club is considering visiting food shelters, volunteering at teen crisis centers and helping out with the literacy program.

"The literacy program motto is found in the Coke commercials, 'Reading is Fundamental,'' said Whaley.

Another project the club is looking into is the Belts Line District Project that teaches seatbelt safety to second graders. This project will not begin until the spring, according to Whaley.

Members seemed very satisfied with their experiences in Circle K. "Being involved with Circle K, gives me a sense of accomplishment," one member said.

Julie Pasquarello, the events chair, said it is rewarding to help others in need.

"You gain communication skills, and learn from other people."

In the next few weeks, Frederick plans to have the web page up and running, the address is http:// wsccirclek.tripod.com

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Ticketing the campus thought police

JONATHAN YARDLEY
WASHINGTON POST

Just when you thought it was safe to go back to college, here come the thought police again, back in business with a vengeance. While most of the nation has been roused to a revival of patriotism and stiffened resolve by the terrorist attacks and their aftermath, the thought police have launched a new onslaught on free speech and revived the anti-Americanism that was pandemic on the campuses in the age of political correctness. Now, as in the not-so-distant past, speech on campus is free mainly for those with whom the thought police agree.

There are two big differences between today and the period from the mid-1980s to the mid-1990s when the correctness wars raged. The first and most obvious is 9/11, which raised threats to U.S. security and self-confidence that simply had no parallel in the days of the economic boom and the widespread complacency that accompanied it. The second, little noticed but beginning to gain attention, is that there now exists an organization dedicated to rooting out and exposing assaults upon "free speech, individual liberty, religious freedom, the rights of conscience, legal equality, due process and academic freedom on our nation's campuses."

Its somewhat cumbersome name is Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE). It was founded a couple of years ago by Harvey A. Silverglate and Alan Charles Kors, authors of "The Shadow University: The Betrayal of Liberty on America's Campuses." Silverglate is a lawyer and writer in Boston who has a particular interest in civil liberties; Kors teaches European intellectual history at the University of Pennsylvania and has worked for years in defense of academic freedom. The executive director is Thor L. Halvorssen, a Penn graduate who, FIRE reports, "revived and edited Penn's conservative journal, the Red and Blue."

FIRE's somewhat conservative bent provides a ready opening for those on the left who assume that everyone to the right of center is repressive if not outright fascist, but in truth it has been quick to defend those who have expressed dissenting views in the past two months. These include professors at City University of New York who held a "teach-in" where U.S. foreign policy was criticized and who subsequently were publicly condemned by CUNY's trustees and chancellor, as well as the professor at the University of New Mexico who notoriously (not to mentico foulishly) announced to his class in Western civilization that "anyone who can bomb the Pentagon has my vote," for which the university's president promised he would "vigorously pursue" disciplinary action against him.

Predictably, though, the speech that the thought police have shown the greatest zeal for suppressing comes from other directions. To call this speech "conservative" would be a disservice to the speakers, for mostly what they have tried to say is that they support their country and its anti-terrorism policies and that they mourn the victims of the September attacks. There is, for example, the student from overseas who heard other students at San Diego State loudly celebrating, in Arabic, the terrorist attacks; the student attempted to debate with them, in Arabic, for which he was accused by the university of get this, ""abusive" behavior and warned that "future incidents, where your involvement is proven, will result in you facing serious disciplinary sanctions."

At Duke and Penn, professors who posted articles on their Web sites calling for strong military action against terrorism were rebuked by university administrators. Duke at first shut down the offending professor's site, then grudgingly permitted him to reopen it, but only with a disclaimer the posting "does not reflect the endorsement" of Duke or the professor's department that, according to FIRE, is a first for the university. As for Penn, a high academic administrator informed the professor that his comments were "insensitive and perhaps even intimidating" to students who took issue with him; the university's president later expressed his support for unfettered speech on campus but insisted that the administrator had not made "an attack on free speech."

At the College of the Holy Cross, in Massachusetts, the sociology chairman forced a secretary to remove an American flag she had hung in her office to honor a friend who died aboard one of the hijacked airplanes. At Florida Gulf Coast University, the dean of library services insisted that employees remove "Proud to Be an American" stickers from the library; she relented only after objections were raised outside the campus. At the University of Massachusetts, administrators granted a permit to students who wanted to demonstrate against the war on terrorism, then denied one to students who wanted to demonstrate in favor of it.

At Central Michigan University, students who hung flags and other patriotic articles on the doors of their dormitory rooms were told by a Resident Assistant to remove them because they might be "offensive" to other students. FIRE immediately entered the case, sending a letter to the president of the university, Michael Rao, whose response should be committed to memory by the lily-livered administrators who are caving in to thought police on other campuses. "The university's removal of any items considered offensive to some is not condoned," he wrote. "The university is taking steps to assure students in the residence halls that their right to post materials and express opinion on their room doors is protected. The university does not and will not condone any of its employees limiting the free-speech rights of its students."

As Alan Charles Kors said, Rao's "decisive leadership in this matter is the ideal model of authentic and honest academic administration." Unfortunately it is a model that all too few others in comparable positions elsewhere have shown any interest in emulating.

Mammoth extinction mystery draws 3 theories

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WASHINGTON POST

As recently as 20,000 years ago, North America had an array of large mammals to rival the spectacular wildlife of modem Africa. Mammoths bigger than African elephants, as well as smaller, pointy-toothed mastodons, ranged from Alaska to Central America. Herds of horses and camels roamed the grasslands while ground sloths the size of oxen lived in the forests and bear-sized beavers built dams in streams.

By about 10,000 years ago, all these animals and others, such as American lions, cheetahs, saber-toothed cats and giant bears were gone. Some 70 North American species disappeared, three-quarters of them large mammals. Why?

The question has fascinated archaeologists, geologists, biologists and anthropologists for decades. One long-popular theory holds that the Clovis people, Stone Age immigrants from Asia who appeared in North America about 11,000 years ago, swept across the continent and hunted most of its large mammals to extinction.

But proponents of alternative theories suggest the animals died of natural causes. According to one view, rapid climate shifts at the end of the Ice Age altered the pattem of North American vegetation, shrinking the habitats of the big mammals until they became extinct.

Another recently proposed scenario casts human immigrants (or perhaps animals or insects they bmught with them) as unwitting deliverers of a killer virus that devastated the continent's wildlife.

Did hunters wipe out the American ? Did climate change do it? Or was it a plague?

Scientists are hampered by the limits of what can be proved by examining animal fossils and stone spear points. Fossils can't tell researchers the size of animal populations at various times in prehistory or pinpoint precisely when they died out, although they can suggest an approximate chronology. Sophisticated chemical analysis of bones can provide some clues about an animal's diet. In rare cases, genetic or immunological tests on well-preserved soft tissues may be able to yield evidence of infectious diseases.

-File Photo

Paul Martin, professor emeritus of geosciences at the University of Arizona in Tucson, is the most vigorous proponent of the "overkill" theory. Because so many species of large American mammals disappeared about 11,000 years ago, he argues, overhunting by the new arrivals is the most plausible explanation. There are abundant examples of extinction occurring soon after humans arrived on islands, apparently caused by hunting, and Martin believes the same thing could have happened continent-wide.

"People can do it really fast and it won't leave much evidence behind," he said. The Clovis people "found a favorable environment. Their numbers would increase without serious limit, at a really rapid rate. Within 1,000 years, our species can sweep through the Americas."

But critics respond that if Clovis hunters killed off the mammals, there should be more fossil evidence of the deed. Clovis people's stone weapon points have been found in association with mammoths, mastodons and bison but not with other mammals, noted Russell Graham, chief curator at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

Climate was probably paramount, according to Graham, who presented new evidence to support his position last week at the Geological Society of America's annual meeting in Boston. "I would argue that (mammoths' and mastodons') ranges were already collapsing" because of climate change when the Clovis hunters showed up, he said. "I think they would have gone extinct without people... People arrived and killed the last few on the landscape."

Donald Grayson, an anthropology professor at the University of Washington, agrees. He points to recent archaeological evidence from Monte Verde, Chile, that humans had settled in the Americas about 13,000 years ago, well before the Clovis people arrived and the major wave of mammalian extinction occurred.

Grayson said that at the end of the Ice Age, the melting of the glaciers that had covered Canada and the northern United States caused dramatic alterations in climate and vegetation. In the continent's interior, both winters and summers became more extreme. Landscapes that had contained a patchwork of trees and pasture became more homogeneous either all forest or all grassland.

"There were complex combinations of plants that you don't find after that period of time," he said. Many animals shifted their ranges in response to changing habitat.

By constructing computer maps of the distribution of mammal fossils from different time periods, Graham sees evidence that the ranges of species like the Columbia mammoth and the Shasta ground sloth were steadily shrinking for thousands of years before they became extinct.

"Large animals require larger geographic ranges, and as you reduce the geographic range, the probability of extinction goes up exponentially," he said. "With small distributions, local effects like fire, disease and competition become very important."

But if climate change was severe enough to cause a wave of extinction in the Americas, it should have caused the same phenomenon globally, argues Ross MacPhee, curator of vertebrate zoology at New York's American Museum of Natural History. Yet most other regions were spared, even the nearby West Indies. "Why weren't things falling down in droves in Africa?" he asked.

Like Martin, MacPhee is impressed with the fact that extinction in the Americas and several other places seem to have closely followed the arrival of humans. But he doubts that overhunting is the explanation, noting that no whale or seal species has been driven to extinction in the past 200 years despite extreme overhunting.

Instead, MacPhee is betting that a virus or other microbe new to the Americas arrived with human settlers and killed off many mammal species that had no natural resistance. He points to the devastation caused later among Native Americans by smallpox, measles and other "European" infections.

"Nothing in nature is able to cause such levels of havoc except emerging diseases," MacPhee said. "It was either the humans themselves that were vectors, or parasites of humans, or it could have been parasites of animals that came in with humans."

To fulfill MacPhee's "hyperdisease hypothesis," a new infection would have had to spread quickly among individuals of all ages and sexes and would have been able to cross species barriers. He suspects it would have spread through the air. Candidates might include influenza and rinderpest, a disease of cattle that also affects deer, antelope and related species.

MacPhee is searching for evidence of such infections in frozen tissue from mammoths, ground sloths and other beasts that died out at the end of the Ice Age. An infected animal's immune system would make antibodies against the invading virus, chemicals that might be detectable. If antibody tests are positive, MacPhee plans to search for viral genetic material.

"No extinction is a simple matter. There's always an environment in which it happens," said MacPhee.'" I need to show and convince people that disease by itself could be considered a primary factor, rather than a secondary or negligible one."

In terms of lifestyle, Norway on top of the world

CAROL J. WILLIAMS
LOS ANGELES TIMES

OSLO-Imagine a world so shielded from modern dangers that children accept candy from strangers.

Think about a place where lifelong financial security is guaranteed, no matter how many layoffs, stock market crashes or catastrophic illnesses come your way.

Consider the psychological well-being of belonging to a country where no one is homeless or hungry, where women and men are equal, where a pristine environment is reverentially protected and where sharing the wealth with the world's less fortunate is a moral obligation.

Norway is not utopia after all, it does suffer the occasional incursions of the cruel outside world. But most Norwegians admit that in terms of uplifting ideals and earthly comforts, life in this country is as good as it gets.

And this year's U.N. Human Development Report confirms that: It ranks Norway the No. I place in the world to live, based on a cocktail of indicators about health, wealth and social outlook.

Of course, the measurements don't take into account the fact that darkness falls by 3 p.m. half the year and tax rates swallow up to 60 percent of your income. Also escaping the statisticians' notice are new social strains created by a sudden influx of immigrants into a long-homogenous nation.

But the glowing report card has filled many Norwegians with new-found pride and a sense of validation that sharing and caring aren't extinct.

And although there is much muttering over high taxes, many Norwegians contend they should be giving even more of their money to solve the rest of the world's problems.

``Our moral obligation to share the wealth increases with the amount of our wealth," says International Development Minister Anne Kristin Sydnes, noting that the North Sea oil that is the primary source of Norway's prosperity should be viewed as a global resource.

-File Photo

Norway's North Sea tracts have proven to be a bountiful source of the precious commodity, turning this country once dependent on fishing and farming into the No. 2 oil exporter in the world. Even with fluctuating oil prices, this country of about 4.5 million people has skillfully managed the state-owned industry and amassed a public fund of $60 billion.

``We could easily give five times as much as we do in foreign assistance," argues Ingebrigt Steen Jensen, a media magnate who insists that most Norwegian entrepreneurs hold global welfare above personal enrichment. ``We have this huge cake, but we can't eat it all, so isn't it better to share it with this room full of hungry people than to put it in the freezer for later?"

Like many Scandinavians, Jensen recoils at what he calls the excesses of American life, from the prevalence of handguns and poor people to the death penalty and class distinctions that deprive some urban children of equality in education.

``This probably looks something close to a communist regime," he says of his own country's penchant for social leveling. ``But here even the police are unarmed."

While crime does exist there are about 50 murders a year and thousands of petty thefts Norwegians enjoy a sense of personal security unimaginable to Americans. Most people leave their homes unlocked, and no one hesitates to stop and help a motorist in trouble.

From the high-quality public schools that even the royal family attends to the pandemic informality the king is addressed simply as Harald and the prime minister as Kjell Magne this is a society firmly grounded in egalitarian values.

Although there are no official quotas, as in neighboring Sweden, women make up half the Cabinet and parliament seats and fill more than 40 percent of judicial and academic posts.

``We place a very high value on both work and having a family and believe a woman should never have to choose one or the other. Most women with children continue to work in Norway, not because they have to but because they want to," says Anne Lise Ryel, deputy justice minister.

Three-year maternity leaves, broad part-time opportunities and creative application of telecommuting help keep women in the work force. So do the generous benefits for both men and women of eight weeks' vacation, liberal sick leave and day care that is reliable and inexpensive.

At the office, there is a continuous supply of coffee and pastries, and workaholics are objects of pity among their peers.

But the very success of Norway's social services is presenting the country with new problems. Good medical care for every citizen has raised life expectancy to among the world's highest levels at 78.4 years, placing new demands on the health-care system as the population ages. State assistance to single mothers is so generous that there is no need for a father's income. Half the children here are now born out of wedlock.

And Norway's commitment to providing education, libraries, day care and government services of uniform quality across the country eats up more of the abundant resources with each year, since public investment in thinly populated regions is just as expensive as in urban centers.

Philosophy professor Arne Naess complains there is also something lacking in a country that is so self-sufficient.

``People don't talk to each other here. Everyone walks around alone and preoccupied," says the professor, who will soon turn 90. ``There was more of a sense of togetherness after the war and until the 1960s, when we got all this oil money."

For some, material goods aren't everything.

At Jensen's Dinamo Media Agency, in an elegant 19th century villa overlooking Oslo Fjord, the employee-owners work flexible hours, strive for Fridays free of e-mail and encourage each other to get home by 5 p.m.

``The one thing people say they don't have enough of is time money and material goods are way down the list of what people want," says Jensen, himself bemused by the elusive commodity. ``My grandfather worked 68 hours a week, cut his own wood, had no modern conveniences and still managed to play in the local band. I work 37 hours, I have every appliance and convenience, I don't even accompany my children to the barber, yet I feel like I don't have any time."

Evenhanded approach puts new official's feet to the fire

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LOS ANGELES TIMES

JERUSALEM -After barely a month on the job, Sari Nusseibeh is already in trouble.

The patrician philosopher and highly respected intellectual has ended years of self-imposed exile from political life to take on the high-profile post of the Palestinians' point man in Jerusalem.

It is a role that embodies Palestinian claims to the disputed holy city, and Nusseibeh's ascent comes at the personal insistence of Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat.

Thrust back into the spotlight, Nusseibeh immediately offered words of moderation and wisdom not often heard here in the last blood-soaked months.

He also said a couple of things that many Palestinians may think but that few utter aloud.

For example: The idea of returning Palestinian refugees to their original homes a sacrosanct right in Palestinian political rhetoric is impractical and would never work. And: The intifada of the last year has achieved very little and should be reconsidered.

Such pronouncements of dissent and pragmatism make Nusseibeh popular among progressive Israelis and Palestinians, foreign journalists and Western diplomats desperately seeking a Palestinian interlocutor. But his line of thought is anathema to militant Palestinian activists and many in the general population, who have lived through years of sacrifice and are in no mood for compromise on fundamental issues.

Nusseibeh's critics quickly marshaled their forces and wrote to Arafat insisting that he be fired. A Palestinian refugee organization branded Nusseibeh's ideas ``dangerous" and ``poisonous" and demanded that he be put on trial.

Nusseibeh, so far, has not been deterred. He added his name, tongue-in-cheek, to one petition demanding his removal. The job, he said, ``seems to undermine my ability to express myself freely." Rather than lie low, he made a rapid-fire series of appearances in Palestinian and, remarkably, Israeli media.

``I feel that something terrible happened this year and it's time for me to speak my mind," he said in an interview a few days after his appointment to the Jerusalem portfolio.

``We are living a tragedy," Nusseibeh, 52, said, speaking in his slightly untidy office at East Jerusalem's Al Quds University, where he is president. ``Both sides behave in a totally irrational way toward each other. Given the fact we spent so many years building up a new order of peace and coexistence, to allow all of it to be thrown off orbit is simply beyond me."

Descended from a prominent family that traces its roots in Jerusalem back more than 1,000 years, Nusseibeh is a man of cultured manners who was educated at Harvard and Oxford. He is quick to tell a visitor that he would rather stay out of the limelight but that duty calls.

Arafat appointed him Oct. 12 to replace the powerful Faisal Husseini, who died of a heart attack in May. After Husseini's death, Israel seized and shuttered Orient House, the Palestinians' de facto political and diplomatic headquarters in East Jerusalem.

Among Nusseibeh's more surprising comments, he has minimized the importance of Orient House, cherished by many as a potent symbol of Palestinian nationalism. Husseini's hands-on approach, which included doing everything from hosting foreign diplomats to solving neighbors' land disputes, ``is not my style," Nusseibeh said. Instead, his priority is to establish a professional and institutional management structure for Arab Jerusalem's 210,000-strong community, one that would counter both Palestinian Authority neglect and Israeli attempts to expand the Jewish presence in the district.

Nusseibeh was a leading political activist and philosophy professor at the West Bank's Birzeit University throughout the 1980s. He said at the time that Israel might as well annex the West Bank and Gaza Strip and that the Palestinians, who would then make up nearly half the national population, should fight for equal rights.

Because that suggestion seemed to sacrifice the notion of an independent Palestinian state, Nusseibeh encountered harsh criticism. One day in 1987, he was beaten up by masked men as he left his Birzeit office.

Though it was not his first choice, he later accepted the ``two-state solution" the proposed creation of an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel and played a visible role in the first intifada. Israeli harassment was frequent: Israeli authorities closed an English-language journal he published that chronicled the intifada, and during the Persian Gulf War in 1991, Israel jailed him for several months, accusing him of spying for Iraq but never charging him.

Nusseibeh served as a key negotiator when Palestinians and Israelis finally held breakthrough talks in Madrid, Spain, and Washington, D.C., and he was an early architect of the fledgling Palestinian administration that was ushered into the West Bank and Gaza Strip by the landmark 1993 Oslo, Norway, peace accords.

But in 1994, he returned to academic life, taking a yearlong leave to study in Washington before assuming the leadership of Al Quds University, where he worked largely out of the public eye.

Finally, in September, he published a column in Israel's Haaretz newspaper and the Palestinian daily Al Quds urging Israelis and Palestinians to make fundamental compromises lest ``our shared destiny" be left to ``opportunists .bent on wanton destruction."

Through his academic work, Nusseibeh managed to keep up contacts with Israelis, even during the worst of times this past year, and is urging renewed dialogue.

``Our real ally in building a state is Israel, and Israel's real ally is its enemy: us," he said. ``We both have a joint interest, an existential interest, in the political and personal sense... to work together."

Mossi Raz, an Israeli legislator from the leftist Meretz Party, arranged a meeting last week between a group of his colleagues and Nusseibeh to discuss ways to revive a peace camp that has been virtually silenced by the last 13 1/2 months of violence. Nusseibeh elaborated on his ideas about refugees and redirecting the Palestinian struggle. The Israelis were impressed.

``He's a very brave man," Raz said later. ``Our history, and Palestinian history, shows we have to be worried (about moderates) because of opposition in both nations against the peace camp. In both nations, there are a lot of people who want to kill the supporters of peace."

Nusseibeh got unusual support from an unexpected quarter. Jibril Rajouh Arafat's top security man in the West Bank, who has a fearsome reputation for stamping out dissent declined to criticize Nusseibeh's position on refugee returns. It was the timing, he said, not the substance, that was problematic.

``I trust him. I like him. I support him," Rajoub, the gruff and powerful police commander based in Ramallah, said in an interview. ``He surprised me with his courage."

The Cut

New England Ford's commercial just told me that "Nothing beats 0% financing." I'm an English major but I still know that if they paid me to finance, then that would beat it right there.

CHRIS WARD

BBC World just informed the masses (us) that the newest craze in Afghanistan, all the rage, is the photo ID card of dead foreign Taliban supporters, mostly Pakistani and other Arab nationals. Did you know that 20 million landmines, 1/5 of those that exist, are buried in Afghanistan? Okay I've already said that country's name twice. That's how media saturation and nationalist fervor have affected me, I suppose.

There's a particular Communications Department professor who's name keeps grabbing my attention in relation to all of that. A little bird told me that in class last week he said, in regards to Veteran's Day and in a sarcastic tone, that it was a good day because our military isn't getting enough exposure as it is. With all due respect, that day is set aside to honor veterans past as well as present including those that have lost their lives as a duty to their country. I'm also a military veteran and so perhaps you've just pushed my button. Did the sailor who fell into the sea three weeks ago get enough exposure?

B.B. King was quoted recently following the release of his, like, four hundredth album. He was asked why, in his opinion, blues albums don't crack the charts. He said that perhaps the music is just a little too real for the average listener, meaning a listener of popular music, I imagine. He should read the lyrics to DMX's "Who We Be."

Okay now, y'all leave Kevin alone. Play nice.

"Shallow Hal." Meeko says that it was horrible and he paid money to see crazy Jack Black and instead got sensitive Jack Black somewhat like an Adam Sandler "Big Daddy" move. It'll be a good rental.

Oh, I think that at the end of the new "South Park, fourth grade" opening credits, Kenny says "I had sex with baked potatoes." Okay I gotta split. The "Cornbread, Earl, and Me… Director's Cut" is on.

Peace and balance.

C. Ward is a Voice columnist

Kevin's Korner

I am writing this in response to Adam Leonczyk and those who feel the way he does. Frankly, I am offended that someone would jump to conclusions and take what I have said out of context. This tactic is uncalled for.

KEVIN HEATON

I am referring to Mr. Leonczyk's reference to my criticism of our western egocentric values. He asks if I "suggest, then, that Osama bin Laden and the thousands of non-western men that are involved in the terrorist network that spans the globe, are peace loving family men?" Of course not!! These men, Eastern and Western, are evil-minded thugs, and should be dealt with accordingly.

First, however, we have to know for sure who we are going after and where they are. When Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols bombed the Oklahoma City Federal Building, they were arrested, tried, and punished. US Forces did not, however, target their families and neighborhoods to "root out terrorism." Yes, I know we are now dealing with a foreign country, but this does not justify random cluster bombing. The people of Afghanistan are just as important and have just as many rights as those who died in the World Trade Center. I feel terrible for ALL of them.

I would agree with Mr. Leoncyzk that war "is certainly necessary at given times." These "times" would include Hitler's unprovoked invasion of European countries and the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. An important distinction needs to be made in the current instance. Yes, our country was attacked. However, we do not yet know who was involved or where they are. "Terrorism" is not a person or a country!

In the article cited by Mr. Leonczyk, I was referring to Western values as opposed to the values of poorer areas of the world, in general. Eastern cultures tend to be more family and group oriented than those of the West. All I said about President Bush in that column was that he may be using his suddenly high approval rating to escape issues such as global warning, which have been dogging him since his inauguration until September 10th.

It is clear from Bush's "Patriotism Act" and proposed "fast-track" legislation that he is trying to stifle any dissent. Our armed forces, whom I respect very much, are fighting to protect the right to dissent. What kind of brainwashing is going on here?

Three years ago, now Vice President Dick Cheney said, "The Good Lord didn't see fit to put oil and gas only where there are democratic regimes friendly to the United States. "There is plenty of oil in the Afghan region. It was noted during last year's Presidential campaign that Bush and Cheney had strong ties to the oil industry. Workingforchange.com reported last month that, "The one serious drawback companies have faced is getting the supplies to the right market, the energy hungry Asian Pacific economies. Afghanistan – the only Central Asian country with very little oil– is by far the best route to transport the oil to Asia.

Enron, the biggest contributor to the Bush-Cheney campaign of 2000, conducted the feasibility study for a US$2.5 billion trans-Caspian gas pipeline which is being built under a joint venture agreement signed in February 1999 between Turkmenistan, Bechtel and General Electric Capital Services. In 1994, Cheney, as CEO of Halliburton, a multi-billion oil and gas services company, helped to broker a deal between Chevron (now ChevronTexaco) and the state of Kazakhstan when he sat on the country's Oil Advisory Board. With this in mind it is not too far-fetched to conclude that Bush, although he was certainly NOT involved in the September 11th tragedy, may benefit from its aftermath.

K. Heaton is a Voice columnist

Support public higher education funding now

PATRICIA V. MARKUNAS

Recent events have placed incredible stresses on an already delayed state budget. The worsening recession, the tragedies of September 11th, and the evolving bioterrorism crisis in the US mail system have sapped government resources nationally and in all 50 states. After four months of conference committee meetings, the Massachusetts Legislature appears ready to adopt the state's budget for the current fiscal year -- a budget that is expected to be over a billion dollars less than originally projected only 10 months ago.

Acting Governor Jane Swift has stated that "education" is one of the very few state-funded programs that is "off the table" in terms of budget cuts or program terminations. As Massachusetts focuses on reform and improvement of education for its K-12 students, it must also be aware that a strong, responsive public higher education system is an indispensable part of that new commitment to educating its citizens throughout adult life.

Over the past decade, the state colleges, working with the faculty and librarians, the Board of Higher Education, and the Legislature, have made significant progress on several fronts. The colleges have invested in deferred maintenance, improved technology, raised admissions standards throughout the system, strengthened programs for the preparation of teachers for the Commonwealth's public schools, and revamped the curriculum where necessary to address immediate workforce demands.

At the heart of the state college's success in serving students, however, is the ability to attract and retain a highly qualified professional faculty and to treat them equitably and justly. The state colleges compete with public and private colleges throughout the United States for faculty and librarians. To do so successfully requires a stable, predictable collective bargaining process and a reasonably competitive salary schedule.

The public system of universities and state colleges in Massachusetts certify over 80% of the K-12 teachers who enter the classrooms in our cities and towns. If educational reform is to succeed at the K-12 level, the teachers who head those classrooms must be prepared by a top-notch faculty at the universities and state colleges.

After three years of protracted and contentious negotiations between the Board of Higher Education and the Massachusetts State College Association, a contract was finally settled in March, 2001. Acting Governor Swift submitted the contract to the Legislature for funding in May. The salary package will improve state college faculty salaries significantly. However, even with these increases, salaries will remain at a level below median salaries for faculty at comparable national institutions. Full funding of the collective bargaining agreement is a must if the problem of competitive faculty salaries is to be remedied at all.

The current national tragedy and economic stresses make access to affordable, quality public higher education even more important for the citizens of the Commonwealth. Over the past ten years, the administration has taken steps to prevent the economic meltdown in state finances that occurred during the previous recession. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has more than sufficient resources to meet its obligations to the state college faculty and librarians and continue the state's progress towards educational reform through the post-secondary level.

Legislative support has never been more important to the future of the state college system and the students it serves. Full funding of the collective bargaining agreements negotiated in good faith with the state must be part of the state budget for both FY 2002 and FY 2003. Only with this funding will educational reform become a reality for all Massachusetts students and citizens.

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Nose Knows...maybe

KRISTINA MARTINELLI

I'm sure that everyone knows someone who they have very strong negative feelings towards. I recently realized that I too have some of these feelings, and decided to work through them by putting it down on paper. I figure that most people can relate.

I have really grown disgusted with certain people these days. Their attitudes towards just about everything is literally sickening to me. The fact that some people can be so nitpicky about things can really bug another person. Why get so hung up on minor details?

It's interesting how you can meet somebody and be so blind to the what that person is really all about. At first you're excited, even happy, to see that person...until you see the true side of them. Then you learn to dread even passing them in the hall.

I sometimes wonder how people can be so inconsiderate. It's one of those things that are simply beyond my comprehension. I can understand being upset at some small, smart-ass remark, but to go out of your way to get payback is just immature. The fact that you know a person, and know that they wouldn't do anything to hurt you directly, should be enough to forgive any insignificant slights. This is especially true when the person you lash out against would never hurt anyone, let alone you.

I realize that everyone has their problems to deal with. This shouldn't affect one's actions or words against someone else, unless your issues are directly oonnected with that person. By reacting to someone else's problems, instead of focusing on your own, you risk making both sets of problems more difficult to deal with.

I have no respect whatsoever for people who don't care about how another is feeling. Sometimes people are dealing with pains that are far more important than your petty issues. If I were to watch an incident between two people, where one was severly hurt, I would feel bad, and I wouldn't have even been involved. If you find it easy to cause pain and never emphasize, then you need to take a hard look at yourself.

To those people out there who are arrogant, self-absorbed, obsessed with insignificant details with no relevance, inconsiderate, unfeeling and to those that just plain don't care, I don't want anything to do with you. You'll only piss me off and bring me down.

K. Martinelli is a Voice columnist

ASK HOOTZ?

Q: I like this girl but she's seeing another guy. How can I get her attention? I'm way too shy!

A: Shy? Come on, this is college. What do you have to lose by talking to her? If she's the least bit interested in you, she will be receptive toward you. About her seeing another guy, she is just "seeing" another guy. She's probably not committed. If you make a move, whether she does or doesn't like you, you'll then know and can move on.

Drop off your questions to Hootz in the personals box!

COMMUTER EVENTS

Wednesday, November 28, 2001

Munchkins and Cider
8:00 AM-10:30 AM
Wilson Hall Lounge

Come join us or some quick donut munchkins and hot cider-free giveaways, too!

Resume and Cover Letter Critique
11:00 AM-1:00 PM
Campus Center Main Lounge

Stop by the Career Services table to have your resume or cover letter edited. NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED! Bring your rough draft in and walk away with a ready to use final draft.

Life (according to me).

JON SEWELL

For some reason or another, I'm always being asked if I was dropped on my head as an infant. These inqueries are indicitive of something, I'm sure, but for the sake of my ego, I'll just ignore what that thing might be. Instead, I'll take a little break from the serious nature of my last few columns, and give you my monthly "reason why Jon is as screwed up as he is" story. See, I was never dropped, but rather took it upon myself to drive my skull into solid objects for much of my childhood.

As far as I can remember, my first case of massive head trauma came at the age of four. My sister, then eleven, and full of pride for her little brother, thought it time I began learning all the necessary life skills that she had thus far accumulated. Top on that list, it seems, was for her to pass on her newly aquired gymnastic skills, starting with the forward roll over a prone sibling. I toiled out in the sun all afternoon, my sister helping me to summersault back and forth for hours.

That evening, as she laid on the living room floor watching TV, I hatched a plan to really impress her with my new talent. I figured it would be great fun to come charging up behind her, launch into the air, and land a perfect sommersault on her other side, scaring her witless. With determination in my eye, I wound up, charged across the room as fast as my little legs would carry me, and prepared to roll. Man, this was gonna be some fun!

Well, I'm not sure if I panicked, if my sister suddenly moved, or I just forgot the roll aspect of the forward roll, but I somehow tripped over her, became airborne, and went face first into the TV screen. After screaming for a bit, I received a few trillion stitches up near my hair line (a big ol' scar remains, if you feel the need to verify), and began a long legacy of head wounds.

A couple years later, we aquired an adorable, grumpy old beagle named Jeffrey. Being in his advanced years, Jeffrey liked to spend his days sprawled out on a bench which sat in our living room. One day, during one of his frequent naps, I suddenly got an urge to roughhouse with my faithful old hound. I snuck up to him as he slept, grabbed hold of and yanked both his ears, pressed my forehead into his, and shouted "WAKE UP!" He lazily opened his eyes, let out a aggravated grunt, and proceeded to engage in his own form of roughhousing. That is, he snapped his jaws onto my right eyebrow, and began gnawing on my face. Well, a few hours and several stitches later, I had learned my lesson about waking tired old beagles with a tug on the ears and a high pitched six-year-old screech in the face. Hey, I could hardly blame Jeffery...I deserved it.

Fast forward several years. I was a seventh grader, sitting there in Phys. Ed., exhibiting a rather undexterous display on the basketball court, and entirely failing to impress the girls in class (come to think of it, I guess I started two legacies early on...). Well, Coach Drazec blew his ever present whistle, and we all rushed over to the bleachers to split off into teams. I thought it would be a fine idea indeed to gracefully float right over the first two rows of seats and land triumphantly upon the top row. Again, things went horribly wrong in mid-flight. My foot caught the edge of one row, which resulted in my head being redirected right into the corner of another. The glasses I was wearing at the time were driven up into my forehead, and I kinda tumbled the rest of the way back down the bleachers, blood spewing.

The other kids started freaking, and screamed for the teacher. Coach Drazek, in a genuine display of concern for my well being, looked to where I lay, looked back to the newspaper he was reading, marked his place, tucked it under his arm, and strolled over to my crumpled remains. He suggested that I go into the bathroom and "wash the blood off". At this point, I knew I was bleeding, but I wasn't sure where from. The looks on the faces of my peers didn't bode well, though.

I got into the bathroom, looked into the mirror, and nearly passed out. There were two huge gashes on my face, one on my left eyebrow, and one on the side of my nose. Somehow, I managed to blindly stumble back out to the gym and inform my oh-so-concerned teacher that perhaps I was need of some stitches (I was already an old pro at this sort of thing, after all). He looked at me for about a minute, then gave me permission to walk on over to the nurse. He probably would have taken the time to write me out a hall pass, but was likely concerned that I would bleed on his clipboard. So, after muttering my gratitude, I stumbled off, unescorted, to the nurse. A janitor noticed that I was trailing about half my blood along the hall, and actually helped me the rest of the way, thank God. The result: a bunch more stitches, and two more scars, which remain to this day.

I was hardly going to let a few gashes slow me down. So two days after I got those stitches out, I was back to my usual rambunctious self. On my way to school later that very week, I lept off my porch stairs in a rush to get to the bus on time...and promptly landed on a patch of ice. Which, of course, resulted in a split forehead, right on the outer corner of my right eyebrow. Five more stitches. I think the doctors, having seen me twice in as many weeks, were starting to think something was up. I, on the other hand, was starting to really appreciate the inherent humor in it all. I'm not sure my mom did though.

Since then, I've avoided major head-on collisions with my cranium and immovable objects. But, as there must be a balance in everything, I picked up boxing and a bunch of martial arts in my high school years. Since then, I've suffered three concussions, a few dozen split lips, near nose breaks, loosened teeth, and countless jabs, straight rights, and Thai style roundhouse kicks to my head.

I'm not really sure why I've had this kind of luck throughout my life. Maybe it's fate's way of keeping me honest or something. Whatever the case may he, it's not like I've suffered any permenant damage or anything.

None at all. Nope. None. No sir, no massive, long-term brain damage here. Sharp as a tack, I tell ya.

Wait, what was I talking about? Where am I? OK, I better get going.

Next week...

J. Sewell is a Voice columnist

Fadiman discusses typology of readers

BY TOM PERRON
VOICE REPORTER

The second installment of the "Guest Lecture Series" took place last Tuesday when Anne Fadiman said that there are two major types of readers – courtly and carnal.

Fadiman, editor of the "American Scholar," said, "to a courtly reader, books are sacred. To a carnal reader, the ideas in a book are sacred while the actual book is only a vessel."

In her speech, entitled "Using Bacon for Bookmarks: A Typology of Readers," Fadiman, author of "The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down," separated people into groups based on the ways they treat books.

She used many famous literary artists, from her hero Samuel Taylor Coleridge to Edgar Allen Poe to show the great difference between the two types of readers.

Fadiman, a carnal lover of books, admitted that as a child she would use her father's books as building blocks and toys.

She said that she saw nothing wrong with playing with books because "they can be play things and building blocks, but they should not be put behind glass."

Through her sense of humor, Fadiman, who also wrote "Ex Libris: Confessions of Common Reader," said, "William Wordsworth cut open the pages of a new books with a butter knife."

While this not being done with a special knife was enough for being scolded as a carnal reader, the reason she said Wordsworth was a keen example of a carnal reader was because "the knife still had butter on it."

Another of Fadiman's colorful examples was that one 17th century writer once used bacon for bookmarks.

Fadiman pondered whether the bacon was well done or rare. "While the rare bacon would be more greasy, the well done bacon would leave more crumbs," she said.

Some of the main characteristics of a courtly lover of books are that they will never turn down the corner of a page to mark their spot. Fadiman said, "Courtly lovers always use bookmarks, although they would never use bacon."

Another courtly characteristic is that they never write in a book, especially in ink. Also, the idea of writing in a book that does not belong to you would never be thought of.

Fadiman said that her father would fix grammatical and spelling errors in library books, because he was "improving the book."

While she would never write in a library book, Fadiman said that she does write in her personal books all of the time.

"Writing in the margins of a book turns a monologue into a dialogue," Fadiman said. "Even though sometimes they'd prefer to have a monologue, usually the person on the other side is dead and can't tell me to shut up."

All books come off of the shelves the same, but after you write in them it gives the book a personality. These "badges of honor," create individuality between books.

Courtly readers, who usually read sitting in a chair, Fadiman said, believe, "Books are virgins. And you don't mess with them."

On the other side are the carnal readers. Carnal readers, who oftentimes read in bed, see courtly readers as sterile and prissy.

Fadiman said she is a carnal reader and gave several descriptions of carnal characteristics.

Carnal readers, such as Coleridge, fold the pages of books, write in books and will even use bacon as a bookmark.

Fadiman gave an example of a friend of hers that was reading a Poe book on a camping trip. Whenever an interesting bug would land within the pages, her friend would slam the book shut, forever preserving the insect.

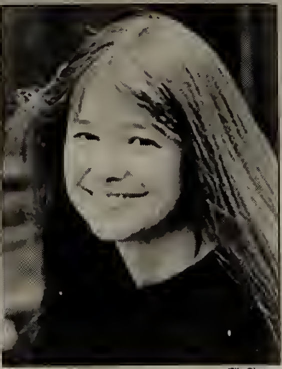
While using a book as a way to display your bug collection is an extreme case of carnal reading, Fadiman also gave examples of people who would write notes within the margins of the pages.

Coleridge saw marginalia (writing in margins) as a way of making books more important. He used the anagram BEPU to describe his theory. Fadiman said, "BEPU stands for 'Books Enhances for Personal Use.'"

While Coleridge always marked his books, Fadiman said, "Virginia Woolf saw it as leaving scars on the pages."

Fadiman briefly discussed how it is impossible to have a carnal relationship with electronic books.

"You can't write in its pages or leave muffin crumbs in its pages," she said.



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Guest lecturer Anne Fadiman

Another reason that you cannot have a carnal relationship with a computerized book is that you do not have the ability to place bookmarks or memorabilia inside the pages, Fadiman said.

"If you tried to put bacon into your computer, there would be hell to pay," Fadiman joked.

Fadiman also said there is nothing wrong with not finishing a book if you lose interest.

While both carnal and courtly readers sometimes abruptly decide they will not finish a book, there is nothing wrong with just stopping.

"You can stand up and say 'Thank you very much. I've enjoyed you until page 157," Fadiman said.

The only difference between carnal and courtly readers on this topic is that a carnal reader will leave behind traces that they were reading the book, said Fadiman.

Fadiman ended her speech with a quote from Groucho Marx.

"Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read."

Humans, what a strange bunch

JEFFREY J. MUZZY

What started out as a gag turned into an interesting observation of human behavior. I was working Wednesday, having a good day talking as much as I usually do; I figure that if I have to be there, I may as well make the best of it. Well this woman that I worked with informed me that I talked too much, in fact, talked more than any guy she knew. I was aware that she was making the comment in fun, but it gave me an idea.

The next day I decided not to say a word the entire time at work. Pen and paper in hand, I made a few preliminary notes on the pad to minimize messages, pre-written statements like, "Yup," "No," Going to lunch," and of course, "I'm not talking because of what Carol said." I was prepared. Now this turned out to be a lot of fun, and actually garnered me more attention than my commentary and opinions that I usually give through out the day. My basic attempt was just to have fun with what Carol said, I never intended to go the whole day.

I received several different reactions to what I was doing, and I think that by the third hour of not speaking was when I realized what a great experiment this had become. Having full support of management I wasn't bothered by having to deal with business issues and answering the phone. Funny point, I never get calls at work, and wouldn't you know it, I got one today. I just asked (written actually) that one of my co-workers field my calls so I wouldn't have to.

Some of the reactions during my seven-hour day were varied. Though all found it amusing, they still had to try to thwart my scheme. There were the three that would keep asking me questions and calling my name whenever I passed to see if I would answer. There was one girl throughout the day that kept telling these people to leave me alone, I had an ally. There were two that seemed to be getting frustrated by my silence. I remember the comment, "It's unnatural for you not to be saying anything." Everything was all in fun; they couldn't believe that I was doing it.

My intended victim said that I was making her feel bad and apologized for yesterday. Several asked repeatedly for me to say something. The toughest part of my day actually began after 3pm. One woman that I worked with, whether consciously or not, did something different than the others that tried to get me to talk. She asked open-ended questions. Where the others asked things like, "What time are you here till today?" or "Do you have this item?" Those were easy to deflect.

I found myself writing more and really wanting to say more and elaborate to the things that this woman was firing at me. It may have been usual casual conversation pieces, but they were things that I really had something to say about or had some comment or two to add to her statement. It was the first time I really felt the pinch to say something; actually, the first was when the phone was for me. That took me a couple minutes to figure out, this woman got me as frustrated as I did to them. Eventually I made my notes and she made more comments, then we continued with the importance of the day.

Another observation, the number of people that would wave back or write me notes, like they were the ones being silent for the day. Maybe it's out of habit, like if I whisper, then other people find themselves whispering even though they don't know why. But as everyone, one by one filed out the door asking that I just say one word before they go, I calmly waved goodbye to each till finally it was my turn to leave. Punching out, my shift was done, as was the experiment. I was free to speak as loud and as much as I liked.

I recommend that if you have the opportunity, be it at home, work or just around your friends, try it. Seven hours is a long day, I know that I lasted only out of perseverance, stubbornness to those that said, "I'll make you talk." Also devoid from work that day were a couple that I would have had great trouble not talking to. So Friday I go back, to grateful people, and I go back an enlightened individual. I learned this from my perspective.

Remembered Pasts

COLLIN PROCTOR

"Remembered Pasts" is a story written by student Collin Proctor. This is the final chapter to his story.

15. Looking into the future

Mike came back to reality. Jen wiped the tears from her eyes and sat up straight. She folded her hands in her lap and stared at them. "Mike, I don't know why I left you. I was scared, and I don't know. It was a mistake and I know it and I can't expect you to ever forgive me, but I had to do this. If we were meant to be like you used to say then I had to try."

"Jen, do you know how long I waited for you to call and say that, or for you to show up at my door. Do you know how many times I started to call you and hung up the phone before I could finish dialing?"

"No." Mike looked at her and noticed the tears coming back into her eyes. Even now when he had the chance to make her feel like she had made him feel, he couldn't do it. He remembered all of the good times they had had together. He remembered all of the pain that he had felt until he met Rachel.

He remembered how things did not feel right with Rachel. He remembered that Rachel was a convenience. He remembered that he loved Jennifer Green.

"Jen I never forgot how I feel about you."

Jen looked up. She had a pleading look on her face. "I don't know what else to say."

"Neither do I" Mike said.

"Well I guess I should go then. This was a mistake." Jen took money out and put it on the table. She got up to leave.

Mike's voice was quivering, "If we do this you have to promise never to hurt me again."

Jen stopped but did not turn around. "There is not a day that goes by that I do not regret every ounce of pain I have ever caused you."

Mike stood up and turned her around. "Well just make sure you never do it again." That strange feeling came back into his stomach. He kissed her and he owned the world again.

THANK YOU

Well that is the end of it. That is by far the longest thing I have ever written and I hope you enjoyed it. Thanks to the Voice for letting me write it and for always accepting the installments late. Thank you to those who read it all the way through.

WSKB Weekly Spotlight

Nick Miller and Dan Surette

JED DION
A&E EDITOR

What's so special about Thursdays, anyway? Thursday from 12 noon to 2 PM is when you get two hours of techno and 80's music mixed together. Dan Surette and Nick Miller, both undeclared Freshman, are the men behind this interesting mix of music.

Calling their show "Thursday Something," Surette takes the first hour for his techno and industrial music.

"I call my portion of the show Something Underground," said Surette. The second hour is devoted to Miller and his 80's retro music. His portion is called "Something Retro."

"It seems as though my portion of the show gets smaller and smaller each week," said Miller.

Surette likes to play underground groups that include VNV Nation, Apoptygma Berzerk and Covenant. Miller likes to spin "anything 80's" like Culture Club, Poison and Whitesnake.

"I've been able to get Nick into techno, but I'm still impartial to the 80's stuff. I just want to turn people onto techno music," said Surette.

"I'm only in it for the mindless chatter and the celebrity status," said Miller.

Both Miller and Surette enjoy playing frisbee, volleyball and movie making. Surette also likes breakdancing and "running into trees." Miller simply enjoys "sitting around."

The duo both attended Wachusett Regional High School, but lived in separate towns. Surette comes from the town of Sterling, and Miller from Rutland.

"Rutland is the exact geographical center of Massachusetts," said Miller.

Miller and Surette have a pretty early time slot. But the two don't mind.

""We had hoped for a better slot, but we're Freshmen so we're just happy we even got a slot," said Surette.

Both have interesting stories as well. Miller recalls being attacked one day by one of the many black squirrel's. Surette remembers falling off his bike only to land on his feet and managing to catch the bike before it fell.

So tune in each Thursday and listen to what these guys have to say. They'll be sure to entertain you.

Say What Karaoke gives students chance to showcase skills

BY JESSICA NORDEN
ASSISTANT A&E EDITOR

The second annual WSC Say What Karaoke kicked off the night last Wednesday in Dever Auditorium with seven talented people showing off their skills.

Sophomore Erica May was the first contestant singing "Fallin'". The audience applauded and enjoyed her performance. May received an overall score of 27.

Amanda Dufresne, a junior, sang her version of "Born to Fly" and wowed the audience with her vocals. Dufresne received a 28.

Freshman Gracie Jones went next, and sang "I Will Always Love You." From the reaction of the audience, it was obvious that they loved her vocals. The judges seemed to love it too. Jones received a perfect score of 30.

Sophomore Kevin Murray sang New Found Glory's version of "My Heart Will Go On" which resulted in a hysterically laughing audience. Murray's score was a 26.

Sophomore Lauren Stearley sang Christina Milan's "AM to PM" and spiced up her performance with some dancing. Stearley received a perfect score of 30.

Sophomore Brian Scott followed Stearley with his performance of Usher's "U Remind Me." His vocals got a great reaction from the crowd. Scott received a perfect score of 30 as well.

Senior Magaly Santana sang "White Rabbit" and her vocals made the sounded great with the song. Santana received a perfect score of 30.

The chosen finalists were Gracie Jones, Brian Scott, and Lauren Stearley.

For the final round, each of the finalists had to roll a dice. The number they rolled, would be the number they had to pick off the Wall of Shame, which contained the songs they were to sing.

Lauren Stearley performed a great version of "Where My Girls At." Brian Scott sang "Baby Got Back" and Gracie Jones sang "American Woman".

The third place winner was Gracie Jones, who won a $25 gift certificate to Applebee's. Second place went to Lauren Stearley who won a $100 gift certificate to the Holyoke Mall. The first place winner was Brian Scott who won a limo ride to New York and 4 tickets to the Conan O' Brien show.

The Elements Crew and the WSC Dance Club were on hand to provide entertainment during the breaks in the night.

The winner, Scott, said that he was up against some good competitors, and his first place win wasn't easy. "The night was an overall success and I thought that each of the contestants did an excellent job and it was a tough competition."

The Three

CHRIS PINEO

The Three is a story written by student Chris Pineo. Each week a new chapter appears in the Campus Voice.

Immediately after my removal from the bank premises I headed back to the office. In consideration of Jewel's hostility it became clear that I would have to rely on my personal resources to get this story written. This meant I would have to remedy my computer problems. Upon reaching the office I called Nancy, the technician.

"Nancy Webreld, Computer Technician."

"Hi Nancy, Its me."

Nancy recognized my voice instantly. If there is one person in my department that has computer trouble it's me. Nancy regularly checks up on me, and the status of my computer. This wasn't the first time I bad experienced computer failure, which put her a step ahead of me.

"I checked up on that problem you were having."

"And?"

"This might seem a little strange, but whatever happened was done on purpose."

"What do you mean?"

"Well the records indicate that an outside user entered the system here about a tenth of a second after you logged on."

"Wait: How is that possible?"

"Somebody didn't want you accessing whatever it was you where accessing."

"I think that much is clear. How though, docs someone access our company's system, that quickly after my signing on? You know what I mean? It's almost uncanny."

"Well, they were either keeping tabs on you, or some kind of failsafe device booted you and crashed your computer when you looked at whatever it was. That's pretty unlikely though."

The first option was the only one that made sense because if the company needed a failsafe to keep people out of their records they just wouldn't publish them. Someone knew what I was up to. This meant that someone knew about Mercury and maybe even his employer. I had only a minor understanding of computers, for my profession. So I phrased my next question carefully.

"Is there any way you can tell where the signal, or whatever, came from?"

"The internet protocol address of the user?"

"Umm, yes."

"Well, I traced him to a military industrial complex across town. The users name was SIP."

"Sip?"

"S-I-P, all capitals." "What's the name of the company at the complex?"

"Chimera."

The phone slipped from my hand, and broke on the linoleum. This was the third company. Pegasus was the first, Chimera third, and the second had been right under my nose the whole time Sphinx the corporate owner of "The Informant." The very company I worked for was part of The Three. Now, I knew of them. But did they know of me?

-Check out the next installation in two weeks!

"This moment won't end."

This moment won't end
for us to take your
breathing has slowed to
barely a sigh
In barely a moment we'll
say goodbye
As moments pass, as
dreamers awake
A half-conscious time for
memory's sake
The time that it takes a
person to try
The past is beside me, I
don't care why
Revisited question, a
present to make
A flip of the coin or a turn
of the wheel
On that night burn for the
skin's glistening
Begin the virtue of
patience alone, it gets me
back to enjoying the feel
The language is strange
but I'm listening
Tu, muy proximo todo
mi corazon
(you, very close to tbe
whole of my heart)

By: Chris Ward

Top 6 Ways to Get Kicked Out of an SGA Meeting

6. Whenever the Commuter Council says something, scream "Sit down and Shut up...Commuters aren't real students!"

5. Start the wave and if the senators do not cooperate, get up and move their arms for them.

4. Give the senate ideas in the form of a musical tribute.

3. Sit at the Executive Board Table, when asked to move say that you are their new leader.

2. Even though non-senators are not allowed to vote, oppose all motions made by the board.

1. Start a food fight. Food fights are great ways to get kicked out of anywhere.

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Owls Capture Football Championship

By Mickey Curtis, SID

WORCESTER - Another stellar defensive effort and the running of Shawn Lyman (157-yards, 31 carries, one touchdown) powered Westfield State College to a 12-0 victory over Nichols College in the New England Football Conference championship game on Nov. 10.

Westfield, 10-0, including a 14-7 victory at Nichols two weeks ago, captured its first NEFC title and qualified for its first NCAA tournament.

"Who would have thought at the beginning of the season we would be here," said Lyman, a senior from West Springfield who ranks fourth nationally in rushing yards per game. "A lot of people doubted how good we were and we had to prove ourselves each week. This is a great feeling."

While the Owls controlled the time of possession (36 minutes) it was their defense that controlled the tempo. Westfield - ranked second nationally in total defense and passing defense - limited Nichols to seven first downs and 124 net yards.

"I just have two words to say: Pete Kowalski," Westfield head coach Steve Marino remarked of his fiery defensive coordinator. "He's done an unbelievable job with the defense this year. He had an excellent game plan today and the kids executed it."

Lyman scored the game's only touchdown on a 20-yard run on a fourth-and two situation. Lyman found a seam on the right side, shed a tackle, then sprinted straight to the endzone to give the Owls a 9-0 lead 11 seconds into the fourth quarter.

"That was a power back play to the split end side that we hadn't run much and Shawn gave it a good second effort," said Marino.

"It was congested at the start of the (touchdown) play and I bumped into our lead blocker (offensive lineman) George Emanuel," said Lyman. "But I was able to get through the hole and after a broke a tackle I kept my legs pumping. After that nothing was going to stop me....no way we were going to lose this game."

The four-play touchdown drive was set up when the Owls recovered a fumble - one of five Nichols turnovers - at the Nichols 28. Recovering the fumble was senior end Tim Corr of Duxbury, who led the Owls' outstanding defensive effort with seven tackles, five tackles for losses, including all three of Westfield's sacks; a pass breakup, and three pass hurries.

"This is the biggest moment of my career," said Corr, a fifth-year senior who also punted seven times for a 40.7 average. "This is unbelievable. I can't express how I feel - going 10-0 my senior year. But we felt confident today. We felt confident we were going to do it from the beginning."

Two more leaders of the Westfield defense also came up big in the big game. Defensive back Ryan Clifford intercepted two passes, recorded eight tackles and had a pass breakup. He also kicked his first two field goals of the season. Linebacker Josue Zamora registered a team-high 10 tackles and intercepted a pass that set up the Owls' first points of the game.

"Westfield is ranked No. 2 defensively in the nation for a reason," said Nichols coach Bill Carven. "Turnovers killed us; we made too many for a championship game. But hats off to Westfield for playing an excellent game."

Forty-nine of Nichols' 124 yards of total offense came on a fake punt attempt with five minutes remaining in the game. Quarterback Jarrod Rouanzoin - also the Nichols punter - completed a 49-yard pass down the left sideline to Ben Karter to give the Bison a first down at the Westfield 12. But Rouanzoin fumbled on an option on the ensuing play and Westfield's Alan Gates recovered to seal the victory.

"It's been like this all year," said Westfield head coach Steve Marino, whose team was anticipating the fake punt attempt. "We struggle at times but we just ke going. I can't say enough abo how tough these kids are. We ri on our defense's coattails, no dou about it."

After a scoreless first half, t Owls took a 3-0 lead with 10:07 l in the third quarter on a 20-ya field goal by Clifford. The fir year kicker also booted a 24-ya field goal with 7:10 left in the gan that capped a 14-play, 71-yard dr featuring the running of Lyman

"We knew we had to get tl running game going because v expected Nichols to be keying c our passing," said Lyman. "Tl offensive line wanted to get tl yards for me this game."

The Owls had 180 net rushir yards on 52 carries, while quarte back Chris Lapointe only complet 7-of-21 passes for 99 yards. Nicho was held to 40 net rushing yards c 32 attempts and Rouanzoin cor pleted 7-of-22 passing attempts.

Lapointe's lone interception w almost returned for a touchdov midway through the second quar by Nichols' Chris Slaughter. B freshman reserve running back D Jones of Springfield came up wi the big play this time for Westfiel After picking off the errant pass the Nichols 28, Slaughter appear to be headed for the endzone b was chased down by Jones at tl Westfield 8-yard line. The Owl defense stiffened and Nichols' 2 yard field goal attempt was wi left.

"Jones chasing down that g was a huge play for a freshman said Marino.

The Owls celebrate after winning the New England Football Conference championship with a 12-0 victory over Nichols College on Nov. 10 at Worcester State College. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

Defense Receives National Honors

Defense wins championships and it can also gain you national recognition.

Westfield State, riding on the coattails of its defense throughout its perfect 10-0 regular season, led the nation in total defense, according to statistics released by the NCAA.

The Owls allowed an average of 188.0 yards per game to easily outdistance Millikin University of Illinois, which gave up 203.9 yards per game.

The Owls will receive a special plaque from the NCAA for finishing first in total defense in Division III. Only regular season games are included in final statistics; NCAA Tournament games are not included.

"This is a great honor for our program," said head coach Steve Marino. "I have to give a lot of the credit to defensive coordinator Pete Kowalski. "He had excellent game plans and had the kids ready to play each game.

"We did have a lot of talented players this year," continued Marino. "But the big thing is that they played well together."

The Westfield defense also finished second nationally in pass efficiency defense (65.5 rating); eighth in scoring defense (11.0 points per game); eighth in rushing defense (74.4 yards per game); and 10th in turnover margin (plus 18).

Individually, middle linebacker Josue Zamora ranked 29th nationally in tackles per game with an 11.0 average. Zamora was an unanimous selection as the New England Football Conference Defensive Player of the Year. Also, end John Cloutier ranked 19th in tackles for losses (21 in 10 games), and defensive back Ryan Clifford was 24th in passes defended per game (1.7) with six interceptions and 11 pass breakups.

Senior running back Shawn Lyman made a name for himself on the national level as he ranked third in Division III in rushing yards per game (145.2). He averaged nearly 30 carries per game (294) while rushing for 1,452 yards.

By Mickey Curtis, SID

Men's Soccer Finishes Second

Men's Soccer
Plymouth 3 - Westfield State 0

PLYMOUTH, N.H. - Senior tri-captain Garry Thomson (Glasgow, Scotland) was named MVP as he led the Plymouth tate men's soccer team to a 3-0 victory over Westfield State in the ECAC Division 3 New England championship game on Nov. 11.

The Panthers struck in the 13th minute when sophomore Micheal Cantelli headed a free kick past Westfield senior keeper D.J. Conway.

With less than three minutes remaining in the first half, the Owls received a red card to go down a man for the remainder of the match. Plymouth capitalized on the man-advantage in the 60th minute when Thomson's free kick was headed into the goal by Nick Libera.

Plymouth added another goal in the 81st minute.

The Panther defense continued its stellar play, holding the Owls to just five shots.

Plymouth finished with a 14-6 record while Westfield finished at 11-7-2. The Owls were 9-2-2 after dropping five of their first seven games.

"I was very proud of the way we played this season," said coach Paul Whalley. "We improved tremendously throughout the season. I'm really looking forward to next season when we have everybody back with the exception of one player (senior D.J. Conway)."

Men's Soccer
Westfield Wins On Penalty Kicks

WESTFIELD - Westfield State advanced to the championship game of the ECAC New England Division III men's soccer tournament by outshooting Babson, 4-2, in penalty kicks on Nov. 10.

The match was officially recorded as a draw after the teams played to a 1-1 tie through regulation and the two 15-minute sudden death periods.

Freshman Jeff Whittaker of Southwick nailed the game-winning penalty kick in the top half of the fifth round, following D.J. Conway's save on Babson's Mark Kersker to end the fourth round.

The Owls scored the match's first goal 11:11 into the contest on a direct kick that sophomore Jay Chelo of Ludlow hooked just inside the far post from about 20 yards.

Babson evened the score five minutes later when Addison Marsh knocked in a loose ball during a scramble in front of the net.

Men's Cross Country

WESTFIELD - Westfield State College placed 23rd in the NCAA Division 3 New England Regional men's cross country championships held Nov. 10 at Stanley Park in Westfield.

Keene State won the 35-team meet with 54 points, followed by Bowdoin (83), and MIT (106).

Keene State junior Mark Miller won the five-mile race in 24:53. Westfield's top finisher was Geoff Churchill, who placed 86th in 27:07.

A total of 247 runners participated in the regional meet.

Women's Cross Country

WESTFIELD - Westfield State placed 26th in the NCAA Division 3 New England Regional women's cross country championships held Nov. 10 at Stanley Park in Westfield.

Middlebury won the 35-team meet with 65 points followed by Williams (76) and Amherst (86).

Williams junior Julia Bensen won the 3.1 mile race in 17:24. She was closely followed by teammate Jenn Campbell (17:25), and Keene State's Mary Proulx (17:26).

Senior Starr Hockenberry of Southwick was Westfield's top runner, finishing 126th in 20:21.

A total of 274 runners participated in the regional meet.

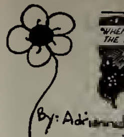
Women's Swimming
Westfield 163 - Plymouth 131

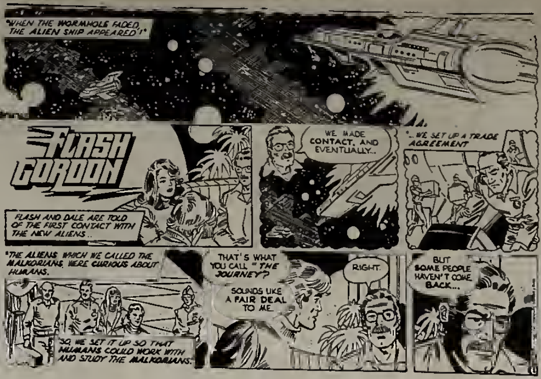
WESTFIELD - The Westfield State College women's swimming and diving team defeated Plymouth State, 163-131 on Nov. 10.

Double winners for Westfield were Dana LedDuke (100 butterfly, 50 butterfly), Kim MacKenzie (50 and 100 breaststroke) and Jenny Gilbert (100 backstroke, 50 backstroke).

Also placing first were Kristie Webster (1,000 freestyle) and Heather Nelson (200 freestyle).

Comics

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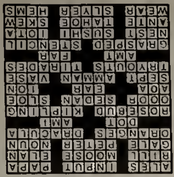

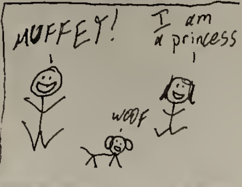
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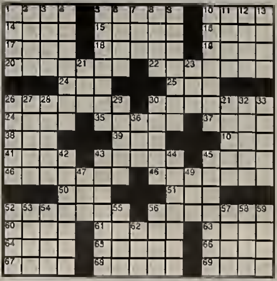
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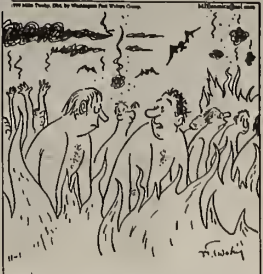

"Can you believe they counted my answering machine greeting!"

Personals

U shaw we love you Rhi.

Dookie-Will You Marry Me?-Your Secret Admirer.

Can anyone see my shadow? - DHD

Girls + Alcohol=Trouble

Sorry if my puking woke you up.

If anyone's going through Ashland, please call Kevin @ 7207.

Who's that girl that called me a refrigerator at Emery?- WATCH OUT! ····

And then this one time, my shadow punched itself - DHD

Hey Sexton-Your not a ditzy as you play yourself to be!

Geeeeaaaaaaaaeeeeeeeeehh! Yea! Summer Street!

Should we wear white pants, or brown one's?

I don't snow

Caca Pants

Kev & Jay I'm ready for the dinner music-Let's Get It On! Love- your girl of the week.

Duffman says a lot of things, oh yeah

I miss you Princess Bluebird.

Duff-how was your workout on Sunday Night? Back & Forth!

Dude- It's just Class D Narcotics-can't you just let me have fun on my birthday.

There is a hot guy in my Mass Comm 101 class! T/R 12:45-2 *wink*

Is Sewell single? Cuz I really like plain donuts!

And now to sports with Butthead!

Good times at 126! Our 15 minutes of fame are so over!

Adopt a Greyhound and make a fast friend!!

We're having hot dogs for dinner in the middle of Ely Road.

I feel like I'm at Walgreens. All I want to do is brush my teeth.

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-The Campus Voice Staff

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We are the Champions

WSC football team completes their first undefeated regular season and goes on to multiple championships, including their victory in the NEFC Conference championship

Photo by Mickey Curtis

WSC football player Derek Jeppe kissing the NEFC Conference Championship trophy after their win against Nichols College.

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Minority coverage in media not adequate according to panelists

By Tom Perron
Voice Reporter

Over 150 people squeezed into the Ely TV Studio last Wednesday for a talk entitled, "Press Coverage of Minorities: A Panel Discussion."

All three of the panelists agreed that minorities are not covered adequately.

The audience included 15 visiting Indonesian journalists, who are currently studying in Amherst.

George Layng, moderator of the panel, opened the discussion by asking if the news we read, watch and listen to benefits the powerful in our society or the average person.

Layng, a professor of English at Westfield State College (WSC), said, "History is written by the victor. The accounts of what happened in the past are biased accounts. They were written by people who have triumphed. Yet those are the accounts that have been passed off as history."

"The winners in society now are the usual suspects," said Layng. The winners are heterosexual white males with wealth and power.

Layng asked, "Since these people are not only in government and education, but also journalism, does the media only focus on white,

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WSKB looks to raise money for equipment

By Tim Montgomery
Voice Reporter

The holiday season is the time for giving. And that's exactly what Westfield State College's radio station, WSKB 89.5 FM, is asking local businesses and corporations to do.

A recent report, published by student managers of WSKB, cites a need for over $10,000 worth of equipment upgrades for studio repairs and improvements. The report, entitled, "WSKB 89.5 FM: A Station in Need" outlines their overall goals as a student radio station and their possible benefits to the community.

General Station Manager and WSC junior, Melissa Saporetti, and members of her staff will distribute this report to local businesses hoping to solicit donations for their cause.

WSKB's wish list includes replacing a 1972 model soundboard, which is no longer capable of supporting current technologies, and a separate portable soundboard for remote broadcasting.

"I don't even listen anymore," said Saporetti, "All you hear is fuzz, echo and low volume. It's terrible, terrible, terrible."

Junior Kevin Murray, Loud Rock Director at WSKB, voiced his opinion like his music specialty. "For a communications school,

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Woodward states tuition will not be raised at last week's rally

-Photo byTim Montgomery

President Woodward addressing Professor Gerald Tetrault at the 333 rally held last Wednesday

By Adrienne Lamplough
Assistant Editor

President Frederick Woodward said last Wednesday that tuition would never go up $1,000, countering early claims by the faculty union.

A handful of students and faculty were present at the rally last Wednesday on the lawn of 333 Western Ave. where Woodward disputed the Union's claim.

Professor Gerald Tetrault of the Philosophy Department said members of the Teacher's Union were present to ask the administration their position on raising students' fees.

"We don't want the tuition to go up at the expense of the students. We just want our contract funded," said Tetrault. "If fees are to be increased we want the faculty and students to be notified."

Professor Brad Art of the Philosophy Department said the faculty is opposed to an increase in fees. "We could lose a lot of students this way."

Woodward said the tuition will not be increased by $1,000 but fees will go up at Westfield State at least $100 and as much as $200, if not more.

"We just don't know yet," said Woodward. "There won't be a change in tuition, just in the fees."

The faculty contract and the student fees are separate and not connected. Westfield State is following through on the portion of the contract signed, said Woodward.

"We are paying our portion, but we can't pay your state's portion of the contract by law," said Woodward.

Woodward said the increase in tuition would not be seen this coming spring, but most likely in the fall of 2002.

"We have the lowest fees out of all the state colleges. We will continue to have the lowest fees," said Woodward.

"The tuition will only be raised with the approval of the Board of Trustees. And the Board of Trustees hasn't approved anything yet," said Woodward.

Senior Tim Montgomery asked President Woodward if there were any other ways to raise money besides raising student fees.

Woodward said they have taken other options into account such as the freezes that have begun on campus. These freezes include the freeze on new hires, travel and the purchase of equipment.

"These have all been looked at before looking to raise tuition," said Woodward. "We will ease up on the freeze when we realize what needs to be cut. We won't know what our budget will be until December 5."

Art said that the legislature is

Rally-Page 2

Theatre department presents Chekhov's "Uncle Vanya"

By Meg Canning
News Editor

Senior Carrie Janik of Agawam has been acting since she was 10 years old.

Now, while wearing a corset at least 3 hours a day for rehearsal, she plays the role of Yelena, a beautiful young woman, in the upcoming production of "Uncle Vanya."

Uncle Vanya, which lasts about two hours including intermission, is about a dysfunctional family in a remote district in Ukraine.

"Imagine being locked up with your family for six months," Greg Holland, who plays the professor, explained.

The play includes lust triangles, attempted murders and homicides and the conflict of city and country life, according to cast members.

Uncle Vanya is one of Chekhov's three great masterpieces. Elizabeth Marshall, a senior from Sudbury who plays Sonya, said this is her favorite play she has participated in with the Theatre Arts Program. Uncle Vanya is "dark, it's funny," she said. "It's been really challenging for all of us."

The cast consists of nine actors, all of whom are practicing five hours a night to prepare for opening night. The students began rehearsing the week after the terrorist attacks in mid-September.

Early semester members practiced three hours a day; mid-semester 4; late semester 5, with opening night around the corner.

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-Photo by Kelly Clarke

The cast of Uncle Vanya in rehearsal. The play opens up this week.

What would your fellow students do for a million dollars? Check out this week's Voices Overheard to find out. Page 4

The band that brought you "Breakfast at Tiffany's" returns with a new album. Read the review to see if its a must have or not worth the money. Page 11

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VP Jackson dispels tuition rumors at SGA meeting

By Alison Close
Voice Reporter

At the Student Government Association meeting last week, Vice President of Student Affairs Arthur Jackson dispelled recent campus rumors about extreme tuition and fee increases due to Massachusetts' current budget difficulties.

Jackson reported the state has had to cut its budget by $50 million, which will cut WSC's budget between $689-831 thousand for the next year.

Jackson said that despite rumors of cost increases for students for the fall 2002 bill, tuition fees will raise $100-200 at the most next year, not $5,000 as students may have heard. Jackson added that room and board costs will only be raised by about 3-4 percent, a number much different from the recent rumor of a $1,000 increase.

"The budget cuts will in no way affect WSC's education," Jackson said. "The school may need to cut down on the spending of travel and equipment, but there will be no such thing as employing fewer professors or closing the computer labs. This is not a crisis situation."

Jackson added, "Every state agency will be hit with the state's cut, but the school has been preparing for this. I want to confirm there will be no faculty layoffs, although the school may possibly need to place a freeze on filling any vacant positions."

Jackson also said that a firmer budget will be concluded by the end of next week. According to Jackson, the Governor's office has decided to fund the supplementary budget, which will fund the 41 contracts that are up for renewal, including the faculty contracts.

The school will also supplement the library's budget cut as well. Senators at the meeting addressed the issue of student dissatisfaction with library hours.

"The library has been conducting surveys to understand the student utilization of library hours," Jackson said. "The library is currently closing at a time when there are very few students still using the library. In order to increase the time that the library is open, there needs to be a demand, and if that is the case then a discussion of an increase in library hours will certainly be entertained."

HOUSING CRUNCH

The next issue was the housing crunch on campus. About 250 freshman and transfer students will be joining the campus community this spring, and on campus housing will be offered to very few.

"Freshmen and transfers will not be assigned on campus housing unless they have extreme circumstances," Jackson said. He added that some students in need of residence this year have been assisted in finding off campus housing.

According to Jackson, WSC was short by about 40-50 rooms this past fall semester, which admissions will respond to by cutting the number of freshmen students accepted next fall.

Jackson told senators that the first goal in solving the housing problem will include breaking down forced triples and lounges for the spring semester. Another possible solution includes a new residence hall.

Class of 2003 President Jenn Prior asked Jackson what sort of impact the new residence hall would have on the small campus community. Jackson assured those interested in keeping the campus small that the new residence hall probably wouldn't increase the student population by more than 150 people.

"About half of the rooms would house those overloaded students who are already enrolled in the school." Jackson replied. "Population wouldn't go up much more than that."

HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY

Because of the budget cut, certain projects at WSC are currently on hold, including making the buildings more handicapped accessible. An elevator in Parenzo Hall is currently being constructed, but those planned for Ely and Bates have been put on hold.

The cost of adding elevators to the campus buildings is about $700,000 per elevator, Jackson said.

Jackson said the freight elevator in Ely currently acts as a supplement for students to get to the third floor of the building, which holds the Communications Department and media rooms. A few senators said they felt surprised that the school hasn't been sued since it is illegal not to provide accessibility of all buildings to handicapped students.

SGA President Shane Eldredge confirmed that as long as the school has a five-year plan to make the buildings handicapped accessible, the school is not violating any laws.

PARKING PROBLEM

Jackson also addressed the current parking problem on campus. Right now, Jackson said the school is looking to expand security in Sooth Lot, possibly by increasing security patrols, expanding the lots, and perhaps in the future adding a camera system, a project that would cost about $100,000.

Eleven cars were broken into in South Lot last week. Public Safety Director Chief Scannell said the incidents were being investigated.

OTHER NEWS

In other news, the hot water problem in Conlin Hall, which has caused the water to remain scalding hot at all times, will most likely not be solved until after winter break, Brent Fisher, Vice President of Student Life, said.

WSC will be hosting another blood drive on December 10 from 1-7p.m. All students are encouraged to give blood to help out area hospitals.

Flu vaccinations will be sold on December 8 at CVS from 10a.m.-2p.m. The cost will be about $15. Kmart will also be selling Flu vaccinations on Dec 29.

The next Coffee House will be held on Wednesday, December 5.

Weekend Programming is planning a New York City Trip on December 8. For those interested, the cost is $5 per student and tickets are currently on sale at the campus center window.

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From the Editor's Desk

We've come across hard times

It has finally happened. Every state and community college has been handed budget cuts from the state, which will greatly affect students' education and services. Holyoke Community College is losing $610,000; Fitchburg State $800,000; and Worcester State is losing $800,000 in state funds. Mount Wachusett Community College is losing $400,000, which is half of the funds it receives to run adult basic education programs. This means there will be no funding left for the program during the second half of the school year.

And our school, Westfield State, has said their budget will be cut by about $700-800,000. Our campus is hopefully aware by now of the effects these cuts will have. Hiring freezes, stopping equipment purchases, limiting professional development travel projects, and eliminating food for meetings are some of the ways these colleges, including Westfield State, have begun to deal with the shortage of funds. There is also talk of increasing fees and tuition for the students to make up for the lack of funds.

What hasn't really been talked about is something that could raise a large problem if the tuition and fees go up. According to a Boston Herald article, there have recently been cuts in state financial aid to students, which were put into place by our state legislature. State lawmakers eliminated $10 million in financial aid to Massachusetts students. This is a mid year cut, meaning students could feel the effects of it in just a couple of months. It has been estimated that as many as 30,000 students could see devastating reductions in their financial aid. Many students on our campus will be affected by the cut in financial aid, and will also be facing even more financial problems due to the overall cut in funds. President Woodward has already announced that due to a lack of funding, certain scholarships Westfield students receive will be eliminated.

Students who attend state and community colleges often are students who could not afford to attend private institutions. These include people such as single mothers or adults who are trying to continue their education while working. They need financial help to pay the bills while they are in school. They are trying to create a better life for themselves, a better life that usually includes remaining in Massachusetts, and thus working and paying Massachusetts taxes.

A Worcester Telegram & Gazette article reported that 85 percent of Fitchburg State's graduates remain in Massachusetts. This statistic applies to the other schools in the state college system. If those students who attend Massachusetts state colleges will be giving back to the state, shouldn't the state work harder to ensure that their citizens will get the education they need to create a good life? It seems like it would be a good investment on the legislators' behalf.

We've all heard rumors by now that those who run the state believe more in private education and would like to get rid of the state college system. This latest move only seems to add believability to the rumor. The move that seems to have put them over the top is what the legislators did after cutting state financial aid to students. They then approved a $3 million increase in the Gilbert Grant program, which is a $23 million package of aid for Massachusetts residents attending private colleges and universities in the state. If that isn't a kick in the face of the state college system, I don't know what is.

From the actions of the state legislature, it seems the value of the state college system is very low. This is a system that should and needs to stay in place. Students who attend these colleges receive quality education. They don't have to worry about breaking the bank or owing money for school loans until they retire. People who have come out of the state college system have given back to the state in many ways, and have become skilled and knowledgeable workers in their field. Acting Governor Swift still has a chance to veto the legislature's bill, and we all hope she does. But no matter what happens, the state legislature needs to realize that the state college system is an asset to Massachusetts, not a burden, and that all students deserve a chance to get an education.

Laura Cyr
Editor-In-Chief

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Rally

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not doing what it should be for the college. The legislature has cut $10 million out of scholarship funds.

"We should be concerned about the loss of scholarship money," said Woodward.

Some students are going to see huge cuts because of the scholarship money, said Art. "I think that they (the legislature) are acting irresponsibly."

Woodward said that even though freezes are occurring on campus, the new field house will still be built.

"The reason that we are continuing with the building is to keep the economy going and to keep people employed. When you build a building you get employment. I think that it's important to keep the economy strong, that's how you generate income," said Woodward.

Media

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Anglo and straight news?"

The questions that Layng raised to the three-guest panelist were, "Is the news we get in newspapers, television and radio biased? Does the fact that there are more white males in the news business affect the coverage?"

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

Panelists at last Wednesday's discussion on press coverage of minorities

Wayne Phaneuf, executive editor of The Springfield Union News, said there is a feeling the lack of coverage of minorities is due to segregation.

The 1990 census reports showed that Springfield is the thirty-fourth most segregated area out of 219 areas in the United States, Phaneuf said.

"It is important to cover every community today," said Phaneuf.

With this segregation, Phaneuf said it is not whether or not we are trying to maintain our white supremacy, but rather whether or not we have accurate coverage of communities while selling newspapers.

"If anyone can find this out, they are guaranteed a job for life," he said. "How do you sell newspapers where circulation is falling?"

While newspapers focus on a need to sell papers and segregation as primary reasons of a lack of minority coverage, Brian Zelasko, former news director of channel 22, WWLP, said that in the television newsroom, it is a little bit different.

"I think that the two issues are the issue of how television covers minority communities and whether or not there are an adequate number of minority journalists within your newsroom," said Zelasko, an adjunct professor of communications at WSC.

Zelasko said that news coverage in the 1970s and 1980s might have led to some of the stereotyping.of minorities.

In the early days of local television, reporters focused on covering more news and did not focus as much on the stereotypes they were creating, Zelasko said.

"There was a great deal of competition, like there is now, and there is not much sensitivity towards minority issues or minority sensitivities."

Zelasko said that this lack of sensitivity changes rather quickly.

"By the early 1980s, I think that minority communities were addressing those issues, were raising concerns or complaints. And in a number of newsrooms that I worked in, there were sensitivity classes held and a great deal more minority journalists," he said.

The changes continued through the 1980s and minority coverage is greatly different now, said Zelasko.

"I don't believe that television journalists or television managers were ever looking to hold on to some sort of power or keep the news as white as they could," Zelasko said.

"It has always been about money," Zelasko said. "It's a business first."

Newsrooms have always had a struggle between the quest to do good journalism and the quest to make money, he said.

James Foudy, editor of The Daily Hampshire Gazette, said that news editors are very aware of the makeup of their community audiences.

"Smart journalism is also smart business," Foudy said.

Foudy said that by knowing your community you are able to write for the people it is comprised of.

"If any of you are serious about journalism, there are a couple of things you should do," Foudy said. "One, work really hard on your language and writing skills. Also, learn another language. Also, spend time outside of the classroom."

One of his complaints about journalism classes, Foudy said, is that professors only focus on the tools to write a news story, not how to deal with different cultures that you will need to in the real world of journalism.

WSKB

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this [radio station] absolutely sucks," Murray said.

WSKB has approached WSC's Assistant Director of Development, Robert Ziomek, a 13-year fundraising veteran for students at colleges like Brown University and Johnson and Wales Academy.

While Ziomek couldn't give a timeline for improvements, he claims to see little difficulty in raising the funds needed to turn the station into an upgraded learning environment by the fall of 2002.

"It won't be a problem," said Ziomek, who plans on soliciting both communications companies and Westfield State Alumni for the funds.

"He's pretty gung-ho about it," said WSKB Business Manager Nick Gengarelly, a junior at WSC. In return for donations, Gengarelly said the station will be underwriting sponsors and talking about them on the air.

Also, with a remote board, which the station hopes to get, they will be able to broadcast live WSC sports success stories, such as the football team this season.

WSKB also hopes to broadcast live from Jesters in downtown Westfield during local performances.

"[With the upgrades], everybody will have ways to make their radio shows just sound better," said Production Manager Scott Toomey.

Students listening to WSKB have a chance to win prize giveaways like gift certificates to TicketsNow.com. For information to make a donation to WSKB, contact the station at 572-5579 or log onto their website at WSKB.iscool.net.

Vanya

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"People don't realize what it takes to put together a play," said Jack Shea, director of Uncle Vanya and coordinator of the Theatre Arts Program.

But in the end, all of the work is worth the audience's response, the cast members said. "The people on stage promise to be entertaining if people in the audience promise to be entertained," Colin Kiley, who plays Uncle Vanya, said.

"We've been practicing for so long you need the energy (of the audience)," Janik said.

"You need to feed off the audience's energy. You can feel the energy," Marshall said.

A mixture of parents, students, faculty, staff and people from the community make up the audience, Shea said.

The Theatre Art's production, written by Anton Chekhov, will run Dec. 5-8 in the Ely Studio Theatre. Tickets are currently on sale at the Campus Center Teller Window. Student tickets cost $2; faculty and staff $5; general admission $7. Reservations can be made by calling 572-5784.

Voice of The Week

Elizabeth Marshall

POSITION AT WSC: Plays uncle vanya's niece sonya in the play "uncle vanya"

HOMETOWN: Sudbury, MA

YEAR AT WSC: Senior

MAJOR: English w/theatre arts concentration

FAMILY: Mom & Dad

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: Theatre Program

PERSON YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: Tom Hanks

BEST DAY OF LIFE: This summer when i received my first professional role with rattler productions

FAVORITE QUOTE FROM THE PLAY: "A woman can be a man's friend in the following sequence: first a good companion, then a mistress, and only then a friend."

FAVORITE MOVIE: Thomas Crown Affair

FAVORITE FOOD: Steak

FAVORITE PLAY: The Glass Menagerie

PLANS AFTER GRADUATION: Continue acting, move to new york, and visit new zealand

WHAT MAKES UNCLE VANYA DIFFERENT FROM OTHER PLAYS YOU HAVE DONE WITH WSC'S THEATRE DEPT.?: The small cast; i've worked with all the actors & directors before; carrie, jessica, & i have to wear a corset & a long skirt for at least 4 hours a day, and julia has to wear a fat suit. So we all know each other well.

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"I'D EAT A TUNA FISH SANDWICH."

HANNAH ZAHN
2002
ENGLISH

"ANYTHING BUT ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM REGIS... HE'S TOO ANNOYING."

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ENGLISH

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Cloning Panic

The Washington Post

Any step, however small, toward the scary goal of cloning human beings touches off an understandable frenzy. This weekend's news of progress toward ``therapeutic cloning" the cloning of human cells that might aid medical therapies, as opposed to create human babies followed the pattern. On hearing that a Massachusetts company had succeeded in getting several human cloned cells to divide like fertilized embryos, the president and others called on the Senate to vote for a sweeping ban already passed by the House on any research into therapeutic or reproductive human cloning technologies.

The Senate should resist. The heralded scientific breakthrough, though suggestive, is less than meets the eye. And it's far from clear that therapeutic cloning, even if successful, would fall into the category of creating and then destroying a potential human life.

The experiment by Advanced Cell Technologies of Worcester, Mass., falls far short of the point at which an adult cell, tricked into behaving like a newly fertilized embryo, would develop sufficiently for its stem cells to be harvested and grown into replacement organs or tissues genetically indistinguishable from the donor. The cells produced by ACT divided to the four-cell or six-cell stage, then died. Why don't human cells, subjected to the same manipulation as the one that has produced innumerable sheep, cow, goat and mouse clones since Dolly the sheep, develop the same way? It's just one of many questions still unanswered. The problem may be merely technical a matter of the right chemical baths and manipulations to tweak the cells into action. Or it may be more fundamental: Researchers trying to clone cats and dogs have run into similar brick walls.

Whether cloned human embryos could ever develop safely into healthy individuals and therefore whether they should be considered embryos at all is as much a scientific question at this point as a philosophical one, and it's too soon to close off the debate by classifying all such research as illegal. Barring the implantation of a human cloned embryo into a human womb makes sense first of all because of risks to both fetus and mother; though the success rates on animals are rising, many cloned livestock are still born with strange malfunctions. But barring all research into therapeutic cloning can't be justified. Proponents of such a step argue that any progress toward therapeutic cloning would make reproductive cloning more probable. The reverse is likelier: Driving the research underground guarantees that only the most unscrupulous will advance these technologies. The Senate should wait and weigh the science.

Students see cheating as a coping mechanism

DONALD MCCABE
NEWSDAY

For more than a decade, I have surveyed high school and college students about cheating, and the findings are discouraging. Many students cheat; cheating is on the rise; students find it easy to rationalize; and many teachers and administrators have given up trying to control it. Few parents discuss the issue at home, and some apply so much pressure to achieve high grades that their children resort to cheating even when they believe it's wrong.

In a recent survey of high school students, 74 percent admitted that they had copied, used forbidden notes or helped someone else cheat on a test. Seventy-two percent acknowledged at least one incident of serious cheating on a written assignment. In a survey of 2,200 students at 21 colleges conducted two years ago, one-third of the students admitted to an incident of serious test cheating; about half admitted to cheating on written assignments. Research shows that the number of students engaging in the most serious forms of test cheating has doubled since the 1960s in high school and college.

Students place the blame for this phenomenon on society and people in positions of authority. Consider the view of this high school junior from Massachusetts: ``To be successful in the world today people must cut corners, cheat, and backstab. ... Everybody cheats. Just not everybody gets caught." The view of a student at one of our most prestigious universities is even more telling: ``In the real world, there are few rules and people cheat all of the time. It is a very competitive world, and when you are in a competitive environment, you do what it takes to win, whether it be cheating or whatever." Or consider the view of a student at a major university in the west: ``Due to the fact that adults ... are unwilling to stand up and be accountable for the truth, as an example to youth, how can we expect the children to do anything else?"

While students have cheated for generations, the ease with which they are able to justify their behavior by blaming it on others is a more recent and worrisome phenomenon. It's even easier when they see teachers and administrators themselves accused of cheating, for example those charged with improperly administering state-mandated standardized math and reading tests in order to boost scores.

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Adding to the confusion, what students and teachers view as cheating often differs. Nowhere is this more confusing than with the use of the Internet. Some students view anything on the Internet as public information and feel free to save text from a Web site and ``paste" it into an assignment without citing the source. Even when they know this is inappropriate, students believe they are well ahead of teachers when it comes to understanding the Internet, and they see little risk in plagiarizing.

Students also receive mixed messages at home. For example, in a recent survey, one in five high school students acknowledged that they had submitted for credit work that had been done primarily by their parents. While such assistance might be appropriate in elementary school, parents who are doing assignments for children in high school are sending a message that grades are paramount and how you achieve them doesn't matter.

Of course, many of these attitudes are not new. Cheating has always been a part of school. What is worrisome is that increasingly students view education as just a hurdle that needs to be negotiated to get to the next level, whether that's earning a diploma, gaining admission to college or graduate school or getting a job interview. When education is viewed as simply a means to an end, it is not surprising that so many students cheat. And for many, there's a sense of entitlement that they deserve to be at that next level. If they have to cheat a bit to get there, so be it.

But the future is not all bleak. In high schools and on college campuses, an increasing number of students and faculty are taking action. Students who are willing to work hard and be honest are becoming frustrated with the lack of response to high levels of cheating. So are teachers who truly care about what their students learn. In some cases, a cheating scandal has gotten things moving. In others, someone has heard about the successful efforts of another school.

A catalyst for a number of colleges has been the Center for Academic Integrity at Duke, a consortium of schools attempting to foster greater academic integrity. No one has found a universal solution, but there are some common elements in most successful efforts.

The most effective first step a teacher or parent can take to reduce cheating is to simply talk to students. Let them know the issue is important, outline expectations and work to convince them of the relevance and learning value of tests and assignments. Research suggests that cheating begins in a serious way in junior high school. Leaving the security of a classroom where a single teacher nurtures them, students move into an environment where peers are a much greater influence.

Any effort to impose a standard of academic integrity on students without their involvement in the rule-making seems doomed to fail. But research suggests that focused and ongoing efforts that involve students can persuade them to take responsibility for academic dishonesty and to modify their behavior. Of course, with the strong counter-pressures students experience from society, no one should expect such change to happen easily or quickly.

We will never stop all students from cheating. But many colleges have demonstrated that you can reduce serious cheating to a level where most students feel they are not being unfairly disadvantaged by the cheating of others and are willing to support school policies on academic integrity.

Maybe it's time we trusted our students more and replaced some of our efforts to police academic dishonesty with efforts to help students understand the value of academic integrity. We just might reduce the level of cheating while also developing values in our students that will make them better citizens when they graduate.

Redefine what it is to "win"

DAVID D. PERLMUTTER
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Historians are uneasy when asked about the ``lessons of history." That's because changed times and different circumstances make those lessons ambiguous, obsolete or unwise. Generals, for example, tend to learn from their mistakes of the last war and so create whole new blunders in the next one.

Not so long ago, we heard from the swivel-chair generals of the editorial pages and chat shows that the coalition bombing in Afghanistan was having no effect on the Taliban save mustering the entire population to hate us and that the Northern Alliance had little military value. Even the real generals were remarking on how ``tough" the Taliban was and warning of a city-by-city struggle.

Now, children are flying kites in Herat, women are shedding ``burkas" in Mazar-e-Sharif and newly shaved men in Kabul are blessing America and playing disco music.

What happened? To paraphrase Shakespeare, the fault lies not in our spy satellites but in our mind-set. We saw the Taliban through Western eyes.

The generals and pundits might have been hypnotized by their own metaphors. Why did we build up the Taliban to be 50,000 fanatics who would bleed for every crag of Kush rather than surrender? We heard analogies to the Japanese at Iwo Jima, the Viet Cong in their warrens and the German Waffen SS on the eastern front. And of course, there were the scary precedents of the defeats of the British and the Russians.

Yet all those comparisons were flawed. The British in the 1800s had no native support, no air power and no eyes in the sky. The Russians had no heavy bombers and few guided munitions, mostly used World War II tactics and faced an enemy supplied by another superpower. The fanatical moujahedeen of the late 1970s and 1980s are mostly dead, crippled or retired. Except for Osama bin Laden's foreign legions, most current Taliban warriors were pressed into service or were booty hunters. They have little combat experience; beating up women and torturing prisoners is more their style. More critically, just because something is on a map with lines at its edges doesn't make it a nation-state. Decades of war not only destroyed nearly every building larger than a hut in Afghanistan but also every institution and loyalty beyond the valley and the chief. Ask people in Kabul who they are, and they'll say Tajik or Pashtun; Afghan is an afterthought.

Our understanding of the Taliban is as murky. What we call the Taliban ``army" is a loose alliance of regional warlords, militias, foreign legions and a few young fanatics. We are confusing tribal cultures with national cultures.

Now the United States moves to the second phase of war, which could be over in weeks but also might take years: finding and flushing out the Taliban and al Qaida leadership and die-hards. We have to be prepared to redefine the meaning of victory. No one, for example, can conquer Afghanistan; every boulder holds a new threat. It is possible, however, to gain a rough consensus of all the factions that a central government has to be respected (if not necessarily obeyed) and that harboring foreign terrorists is not profitable.

In other countries that protect or sponsor terrorists, there are contradictions, factions and different degrees of national consciousness. We can't make war on them all. But diplomacy, threats, bribes, underwriting revolutions or even appeals to goodwill might achieve some of our objectives.

Finally, we can't become slaves to the supposed lessons of our success. Our enemies aren't monolithic; neither are our true friends or allies of convenience. This isn't a clash of civilizations but a power struggle of factions, of which the United States is just one.

China's low wages attract manufacturers

CLAY CHANDLER
WASHINGTON POST

DALIAN, China - Shoji Nishimura, the Japanese general manager of Mabuchi Motor Co.'s manufacturing compound here, peered over the shoulder of a blue-smocked Chinese employee as she soldered wires to a tiny electric-shaver motor gliding down the assembly line.

``Two seconds," he exclaimed proudly, gesturing at his watch.

It is a reference to the time each of the 6,000 young workers flanking conveyor belts has to perform a set of production tasks. In an eight-hour workday, Mabuchi's production-line workers, nearly all of whom are women in their early 20s, repeat the same motions thousands of times.

It is daunting labor that requires clear eyesight, nimble fingers and the ability to concentrate for hours on end. But Mabuchi, like tens of thousands of other foreign manufacturing concerns, has discovered in China a nearly inexhaustible supply of workers capable of handling such assignments and willing to take them on for a fraction of the pay demanded by counterparts in more advanced economies.

Back in Japan, ``it would be impossible for us to do anything like this," Nishimura said. For what the company would have to pay a single entry-level Japanese employee it can hire a dozen people in Dalian, all of whom do better work, he said. And so Mabuchi, the world leader for nearly every type of motor it sells, has shifted 90 percent of its annual production of 1.7 billion micro-motors to China; the company no longer makes anything in Japan.

The women on Mabuchi's assembly line in Dalian are the vanguard of what many experts predict will prove to be one of the most important economic developments of the 21st century: the rise of China as a modern industrial powerhouse.

China's emergence as a manufacturing giant is improving living standards here and helping multinationals such as Mabuchi hold down costs. It also is roiling the global economy, sucking jobs and investment from other countries, straining political support for open trade and driving down the price of tradable goods in the midst of a global recession.

China's admission to the World Trade Organization (WTO) earlier this month will only add to this trend increasing its appeal by locking in lower duties for products it exports.

Past predictions that China would become an economic power were stymied because the nation never has harnessed the economic potential of its vast populace. But now companies from Taiwan, Japan, the United States and other countries are seeking to satisfy the demands of their customers for lower prices, and China, with its enormous pool of cheap labor, is fast becoming a factory to the world.

Japanese management consultant Kenichi Ohmae compares China's emergence as a manufacturing colossus to Japan's spectacular postwar industrial boom, the rise of America's economy in the early 1900s or even the dawn of the Industrial Revolution in Britain. ``The world has never seen an economy with these qualities before," he wrote of China recently.

The new heft of China's economy is most keenly felt in Asia, where the Chinese mainland has swallowed up $321 billion, or 45 percent, of the $719 billion in direct foreign investment flowing into the region since 1990. For instance, General Motors Corp., the world's largest automaker, has invested $1.5 billion to build a manufacturing facility outside Shanghai. And Motorola Inc. eliminated 40,000 jobs over the past year, but it has poured $3.4 billion into operations in China, making it the nation's largest foreign investor.

China is also beginning to undercut its neighbors in crucial export markets. China's exports soared 27.8 percent, to $249 billion, last year, far outstripping export growth in the rest of the region. In 2000, Japan posted exports of $477 billion, but its exports have fallen by 15 percent in the first 10 months of this year. Andy Xie, economist with Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co. in Hong Kong, predicts China will export a third more than Japan in dollar terms within the next five years.

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Since 1989, China's share of total U.S. imports has more than tripled, to 8.4 percent. Japan's share fell by almost half during that period, to 11 percent, while the combined share of Asia's four ``tiger" economies Hong Kong, South Korea, Singapore and Taiwan shrank by a third, to 8 percent.

Analysts at Salomon Smith Barney calculate that, if current growth rates continue, China's high-technology exports will overtake Japan's within the decade.

China's main threat to Japan is in electronics a mainstay of the Japanese economy. Electronics giants Toshiba Corp., Sony Corp., Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. and Canon Inc. have announced plans to expand operations in China this year, even as the industry is shedding tens of thousands of workers at home.

``We recognize that there are concerns in Japan about jobs moving to China, just as there were concerns in America 15 years ago about jobs moving to Japan," Toshiba President Tadashi Okamura said. ``But a shift of some sort is inevitable. China is a huge market, and it offers an enormous pool of excellent workers. We have to find a way to coexist."

A visit to Toshiba's factory in Dalian illustrates the point. By shifting production of digital televisions here from its plant in Saitama, Japan, this year, the company has cut labor costs per worker by 90 percent.

Okamura said workers at Toshiba's Saitama plant will be redeployed to manufacture liquid crystal displays. But industry analysts, as well as many Toshiba employees, believe it is only a matter of time before those operations shift to China, too.

Dalian, which hosts operations of more than 1,800 Japanese companies, has a large and growing population of Japanese speakers and boasts nearly two dozen weekly air connections to Japan, but many manufacturing executives say its primary appeal is the abundance of inexpensive, high-quality labor from adjacent rural villages. When managers need new workers, they have only to ring up local labor officials. There are usually at least 10 candidates for every opening.

That means employers can be fussy. Men, who tend to have slower hands, are a rarity on assembly lines in the Dalian export zone. In many plants, it is possible to tour the entire facility without encountering a single worker wearing glasses or over the age of 30.

The surfeit of applicants has allowed Japanese firms to run their operations here in decidedly un-Japanese fashion. Mabuchi did not need lifetime loyalty from its employees; it needed young workers with quick fingers who would work cheap without complaint. So the company put workers on one-year contracts. Lately, to adjust more rapidly to fluctuations in global demand for micro-motors, Mabuchi has shifted about 40 percent of its workforce to four-month terms.

Mabuchi's Dalian plant is hardly a ``sweatshop." The facility has a solid safety record, the factory floor is immaculate, and take-home pay about $84 a month with overtime is high by local standards. But if a worker's production doesn't measure up, her contract is not renewed.

``The competition for jobs is really brutal here, so people are far more serious about their work," said Teizo Togawa, general manager of Japanese towel maker Ichihiro Co.'s Dalian plant. In Japan, ``we have to promise workers jobs for life and pay them based on seniority. But no one even thinks about that here. Workers in China believe in merit."

Yiping Huang, an economist at Salomon Smith Barney in Hong Kong, cautions that China's labor pool is not bottomless. Over the next decade, the government's one-child quota is bound to sap the country of young workers, he said. But executives at foreign manufacturing plants like those in Dalian are not concerned.

``This is a big country, with a lot of people who want to work," Nishimura said. ``I don't see that changing anytime soon."

Girls school gets off to shaky start

MEGAN K. STACK
LOS ANGELES TIMES

JALALABAD, Afghanistan-They rose with the sun, scrubbed their cheeks and picked their way over pebbly paths to the schoolyard. Word spread fast in the neighborhood, and, by the time the sun grew hot, 200 girls were clustered in the yard, pushing and giggling.

Monday was the first day at the Naswan Girls School, a dilapidated group of classrooms shut down by Taliban troops four years ago. The pupils came with empty hands, and they weren't sure what was supposed to happen next. Some of them had never seen the inside of a classroom.

``Today I am very happy," said Bibi Zanan, a 9-year-old in black veils. ``Usually there is nothing to do but help my mother haul water, and learn to cook. I want to learn English." Soon after, a man with a long white beard swept in off the street and mounted a concrete ledge.

``Welcome to your school," boomed Malam Abdul Ghani, who was hastily named director of education for this area last week. ``We are the new government, and we will pay your teachers' salaries. Don't worry about anything. You'll have no problems here."

The girls squinted at him, listening to the shaky promise of a fledgling government. These are times of battles and shifting politics, when bombing raids rattle the children awake at night. It's impossible to tell whether Ghani will be able to keep his word and if so, whether the schools will endure long enough to do these girls much good.

But in Afghanistan, land of perpetual warfare, home to a generation of children who learned to fight instead of read, this was a breath of normality.

``After all these years, we are in a bad condition," said a 42-year-old teacher named Brisa. ``But we also have two hands and two feet, and we can work. It is our duty to overcome these hardships."

Monday's beginning was somewhat inauspicious. It didn't take long for the teachers to realize that things weren't ready. The pupils were eager but the school had no chairs, desks, books, chalk, paper or pens.

So the girls were sent home with instructions to check back later this week. They filed away, and the schoolyard fell quiet. In a dusty storage room, the teachers stared glumly at a jumble of busted and chipped tables.

It was 1997 when Taliban soldiers swept into Jalalabad, ordered women to stay home and took over the school building. In time, the regime decided to set up an Islamic theological school in the abandoned classrooms. The resulting ``madrasa" was, of course, only for men. Monday, an abandoned Taliban jeep sat rusting on the playing field.

Under Taliban law, girls were banned from obtaining an education, and their female teachers were forbidden to work.

``I used to feel like a bird. I used to feel free," Brisa said. ``Then the Taliban came and put me in a cage, and I have lived these years in my house."

Today, there's not much foundation at the school upon which to build. Naswan is a barren ring of concrete classrooms and a schoolyard of dust and stones. The vacant rooms are dusty and drafty. The roof has holes, walls are missing, and sheets of plastic tarp stand in for broken windows.

The physical neglect is mirrored in the children's educational background. Many of the girls can't read, even some of the teens. And many are unlikely to be around for long. In the years since their school shut down, they have seen their elder sisters grow up, marry and have babies of their own. Their male counterparts have taken up machine guns and headed for the hills.

``Their lives are destroyed," schoolteacher Nargis Sediqi said.

In fact, the disappearance of girls schools here began years before the arrival of the Taliban. Radical tribal soldiers who controlled the city during the mid-1990s first cracked down on women's schooling.

Silent in their creased burkas, the teachers hung back Monday morning and eyed their squealing pupils. Nobody had explained to them how much they'll be paid or where the money will come from.

``We don't trust these leaders," Sediqi murmured, pulling her veil over her mouth as she spoke. ``We remember what they did before, and we don't think the future will be good."

The strategy of shopping

KELLY CLARKE

You've heard of understudies for actors, and substitutes for teachers, so how about substitutes for columnists? Well, that's me for this issue. I'm filling in as a columnist for your reading enjoyment. So, here goes.

Christmas shopping. Two words that can send anxiety pangs through your entire body. Especially for college students. We have papers and projects to worry about, not to mention cramming for finals. Usually the Campus Bookstore supplies enough merchandise to supply our friends and family with enough Westfield State College memorabilia to last a lifetime. I don't know about you, but my friends have enough shot glasses to open their own bar, and my sister owns so much Westfield State College apparel that you'd think she goes to school here. Christmas shopping tends to be a last minute event for most of us; at least that is the case for me. Until this year… (cue the dramatic music).

The day after Thanksgiving is statistically the busiest shopping day of the year. Instead of taking the expert's word for it, I decided to experience it for myself, firsthand. After spending the day with my wonderful family and stuffing my face with turkey and homemade pumpkin pie, I waddled over to my best friend's house and persuaded her to brave the crowds with me the next day. She was a little hesitant, but I bribed her with lunch at Pizzeria Uno. Who could say no to that?!? We looked through flyers, wrote down everything we wanted to buy and what time the stores opened. It sounds a little extreme, I know, but if you're going to play with the tough guys, you have to use a little strategy. We woke up at the crack of dawn and were on the road by 6:30. First stop: Best Buy. One word: Riiiiiiight. The lines just to pay were at least 50 people deep. I'm positive people waited at least 2 hours in line just to pay! Thanks but no thanks. I'll forfeit my 10% off and come back tomorrow. Next store: Target. Surprisingly it wasn't overly crowded. We found what we wanted and headed out the door. The rest of the day went smoothly, and to be honest I don't see what the big deal is about. As long as you don't need anything at electronics store, you're are all set. The entire coupon clipping process was totally unnecessary because most of the stores had flyers at the door. By 10:30 we were ready for "lunch" (as if we hadn't eaten enough the day before to feed a small child for a week).

All in all, I'd say my first experience with "Day After Thanksgiving Shopping" was very successful. I didn't encounter any screaming mothers fighting to the death for the last Tickle Me Elmo, however, my mother, who works at Dick's Sporting Goods said that a woman burst through the doors right when they opened, and mach five'd it over the razor scooter display. She threw the display model on the ground and flung herself over the stack of boxes while yelling "three of these are mine!!" There was clearly no one else around to put up a fight with her, so in the end she looked a little absurd. But hey, I'm sure her kids will enjoy the scooters and my friends will learn to like the Westfield State College 2001-2002 collector's edition coffee mug.

Happy Holidays!

Kelly Clarke is the Voice Photography Editor

Kevin's Korner

Where does your coffee come from?

No, I'm not advertising for Dunkin' Donuts or Starbucks. I'm trying to call attention to the fact that most of our coffee comes from Central and South America, where workers are severely underpaid.

KEVIN HEATON

Many coffee manufacturers are exempt from environmental and worker protection laws, thanks to free trade agreements. These agreements are often passed without the knowledge or consent of the people living in the countries involved.

Fortunately, many stores are now selling Fair Trade Coffee. This is grown on small family-owned farms. Fair Trade Certified importers pay $1.26/lb to Fair Trade cooperatives $1.41/lb if it's certified organic coffee. The company's website, www.transfairusa.org, reports that in 1999 about 80% of its coffee sold in the US was certified organic.

This company promotes better living standards for farmers, as well. The higher wages help workers afford better housing and healthcare, and their children can stay in school, rather than work in the fields. Revenues are used to build schools and other needed facilities. Their coffee can be bought at Starbucks, Shaw's, and other national chain stores.

I'd like to commend those who participated in last week's rally against tuition increases. It was nice to see some political involvement here. The state should be held accountable for higher education costs. Students have very little money, as it is. Why not send a petition to the Governor?

President Bush is proposing military tribunals for people charged with certain crimes, who aren't US citizens. This violates the Constitution, whether we're at war or not. Please, let's call Congress and tell them that Bush and his pal Ashcroft cannot send people to die to defend our freedoms while they curtail them.

K. Heaton is a Voice columnist

Letters To the Editor

Reader Defends Kevin's Korner

I find it very sad that members of the WSC community are so quick to criticize Kevin Heaton's opinion pieces. College students are at a time in their lives when they are free from their parents, and are inundated with so much information that they get to do something that many people in the world are not allowed to do - form their own opinions about the way our government does things.

I find it sad that there are people who are willing to write to the Campus Voice and proclaim that certain peoples opinions are wrong, or try to say that their "opinions" are right. The whole point of learning and growing is to form your OWN ideas about things, not be shot down by anyone who things they know more than the next person. No one has all the answers, and its about time people on this campus realize that. Education doesn't necessarily make you smarter - its how you USE it that makes you smart.

Jill Lueb
Class of 2003

News or Slander?

This is in regards to the recent article in The Campus Voice about the alleged rape on the Westfield State College campus. Whatever happened to innocent until proven guilty? I do not know alleged well, and I do not know whether he is innocent or guilty. However, I do know that using his name to promote an article on sexual rape and harassment is inappropriate. It says in the article that there were seven reported rapes in 2000. How come none of those names were put into print? Why was there a sudden need to make an example?

Yes, the college should have the right to know what is happening, but I do not think that it is fair to deform someone's character until reasonable doubt is removed. In the future, I would hope that The Campus Voice would show more discretion when choosing to print someone's name until all the facts are known.

Christopher Sheehan
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Ritual isn't patriotism

CECILIA O'LEARY & TONY PLATT
LA TIMES

Rituals of patriotism have made quite a comeback in the last couple of months. The New York City Board of Education unanimously passed a resolution last month to require all public schools to lead a daily Pledge of Allegiance each morning and at all school events. ``It's a small way to thank the heroes of 9/11," explained the board's president. In California's Orange County, Celebration USA Inc., a nonprofit patriotic organization, synchronized a nationwide recitation of the pledge at 2 p.m. Eastern time on Oct. 12. Several states are considering the adoption of laws that would require the pledge in all public schools, and Nebraska has dusted off a 1949 state law requiring schools to devise curricula aimed at instilling a ``love of liberty, justice, democracy and America in the hearts and minds of the youth."

In the aftermath of Sept. 11, people are hungry for social rituals and eager to communicate a deeper sense of national belonging. But this new rash of prescribing and orchestrating patriotism is not the answer.

Rituals of patriotism were first institutionalized between the Civil War and World War I, when organizations such as the Grand Army of the Republic, Women's Relief Corps and Daughters of the American Revolution campaigned to transform schools, as educator George Balch put it, into a ``mighty engine for the inculcation of patriotism."

Balch, a New York City kindergarten teacher and Civil War veteran, held what is believed to be the first celebration of Flag Day as a way of teaching his mostly immigrant students about the flag. But his was not a patriotism that embraced pluralism. His purpose, as he described it, was to instill discipline and loyalty in what he called the ``human scum, cast on our shores by the tidal wave of a vast migration." He wrote what is considered to be the first pledge to the flag, a clunky manifesto in which students promised to ``give our heads and our hearts to God and our Country! One nation! One language! One flag!" In 1890, Balch published a primer for other educators, ``Methods for Teaching Patriotism in the Public Schools," that called for the use of devotional rites of patriotism modeled along the lines of a catechism. ``There is nothing which more impresses the youthful mind and excites its emotions," noted the West Point graduate, than the ``observance of form."

To commemorate the first Columbus Day celebration in 1892, Youth's Companion magazine asked Francis Bellamy to write a new pledge to be recited by children at school. Bellamy, a Christian socialist with a commitment to social reform, dismissed Balch's formula as a ``childish form of words invented by an ex-military officer." He wanted a pledge that would resonate with American history and make students into active participants in a ``social citizenry." For Bellamy, the notion of ``allegiance" evoked the great call for unity during the Civil War and ``one nation, indivisible" recalled a phrase used by Abraham Lincoln. Bellamy was tempted to add the historic slogan of the French Revolution _ ``Liberty, Equality, Fraternity"_ to the language of his pledge, but, in the end, he decided that this would be too much for people to accept. Instead, he settled for the final phrase ``with liberty and justice for all." This way, he reasoned, the pledge could be ideologically ``applicable to either an individualistic or a socialistic state," a matter for future generations to decide.

Bellamy's words _ ``I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all" _ were gradually adopted throughout the country. But the pledge, once imagined as a living principle of justice and liberty, quickly became suffused with militarism and obedience to authority. On Columbus Day 1892, according to newspaper reports, children marched with ``drilled precision" as ``one army under the sacred flag."

In the wake of the Spanish-American War, state-sanctioned rituals of patriotism became more common. In New York, soon after war was declared in April 1898, the Legislature instructed the state superintendent of public instruction to prepare ``a program providing for a salute to the flag at the opening of each day of school." Daily rituals aimed at reaching children's hearts were backed up with new civics curricula to secure their minds with heroic images of virile soldiers and the honor of dying for one's country. A typical children's primer published in 1903 taught that ``B stood for Battles" and Z for the zeal ``that has carried us through/When fighting for justice/With the Red, White and Blue."

During World War I, worries arose about citizens with dual allegiances, and some feared that Bellamy's pledge allowed cunning fifth-columnist immigrants to swear a secret loyalty to another country. To close this loophole, the words ``my flag" were changed to ``the flag of the United States." Many states now required students to salute the flag every day.

In Chicago in 1916, an 11-year-old black student was arrested because he refused to respect what he saw as a symbol of Jim Crow and lynching. ``I am willing to salute the flag," Hubert Eaves explained, ``as the flag salutes me." Meanwhile, Boy Scout troops across the country staged massive operettas in celebration of ``America First."

Between the world wars, thousands of Jehovah's Witnesses were persecuted and their children expelled from school for refusing to salute the flag. What began as an attempt to encourage loyalty to a nation ``with liberty and justice for all" devolved into the suppression of dissent and unquestioning homage to the flag.

In 1943, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that an obligatory loyalty oath is unconstitutional, thus putting the law on the side of any student who refused to participate in patriotic or religious rituals. But even after the ruling, refusal to say the pledge took both courage and conviction.

The pledge remained unchanged until Flag Day 1954, when President Eisenhower approved the addition of the constitutionally questionable phrase ``under God" to differentiate this country from its godless Cold War antagonist.

Since the Vietnam War and the divides of conscience it generated, educators have not been inclined to impose rote patriotic drills on their students. Instead, schools began slowly to redefine patriotism in a more inclusive way, a way that speaks to the needs of a multiethnic, polyglot population living in an increasingly globalized world. This is not the time to reverse this trend by reverting to form over substance and rote memorization over democratic participation.

``What of our purpose as a nation?" pondered Bellamy more than a century ago when he crafted his pledge. Our students today can better use their time debating this question than marching in lock-step loyalty.

Life (according to me).

Anyone out there remember Superman? Y'know, big S, red cape, tights? Fought evildoers? Yeah? Remember that guy? Well, I've been thinking about him a lot these days, ever since I strolled through a comic book store for old times sake a few weeks ago. Superman's time, it seems, is long past.

JON SEWELL

These days, the racks are filled with newer, hipper super heroes. These new characters are more violent. Edgier. Often times, criminals are made out to be the protagonist. Those that do still fight the "bad guys" tend to do so out of a burning desire for revenge, not justice. Mercy, a trait central to classic crime fighters like Superman and Batman, seems forgotten.

At first, I just sort of wrote this off as a sign of the times, with an exasperated sigh and roll of the eyes. Then I got to thinking: I grew up on super-heroes. As corny as it sounds, Superman and Batman were important parts of my childhood. What do kids look to today?

I remember reading an interview with Frank Miller, a famous comic book writer. Miller is often considered one of the first "gritty" comic writers, taking time-honored characters like Batman or Daredevil, and giving them actual human flaws. He wanted to go beyond that old comic book cliché of "crime doesn't pay". This, Miller claims, is actually a bad message for kids. First off, it's dishonest. Crime often does pay…it pays very well indeed. He wanted to show that it's hard to stand up for what you believe in. In fact, it may well be more lucrative to give into our darker temptations. But despite all their doubts, all their flaws, his characters never did. That's what made them heroes. They did good, not to make a profit, but because it was the right thing to do.

Somehow, though, this message was lost on the new crop of writers and artists. These days, kids think of Superman as a wuss. My friend Chris told me that he heard someone say that Superman would be far "cooler" if he had the mentality of the Punisher (a ruthless vigilante/murderer, for those of you who need to brush up on your comic book lore). Something is very wrong here.

You may be wondering what this has to do with anything. After all, super heroes aren't real. You're right. But see, it's goes a lot deeper than this. I see kids in forth and fifth grade walking around with Slipknot and Slayer shirts. I asked my kids at camp this summer who the coolest people in music are, and they told me it was either Fred Durst or Eminem. These kids are nine and ten years old. I'm not here to make judgments on any of these icons. I'm pretty sure, though, that when I have kids, I don't want them looking tu these types as heroes.

I guess a lot of people would say that these new bands, like the new trend in super heroes, are more "real". More "honest". They recognize that the world has gone to hell, and they're simply telling it like it is. OK, maybe. But what I think people are forgetting is that acknowledging the darkness in the world, recognizing hate and rage, is one thing. A good thing, even. Embracing it, though, making it one's identity, that's something else entirely.

I asked my kids at camp this summer who the coolest people in music are, and they told me it was either Fred Durst or Eminem. These kids are nine and ten years old.

I don't blame comic books for the ills of our society. Nor do I blame the screaming bands or the drug abusing athletes, or any of the other countless scapegoats we seem to point our fingers at. I'm simply trying to illustrate that the idea of a superhero is pretty much dead. And it doesn't exactly look like anyone else is rushing to fill the vacancies.

So what does that mean for kids? Well, it means that they're being forced to play a game without knowing any of the rules. Or, maybe it's more like trying to use the rules from an entirely different game. It also means that the role of hero has fallen on us, the very flawed, very non super powered folks like you and I.

The question now, I suppose, is huw we go about doing that. Well, I don't know anything for sure, but I do know what qualities I look for in those I still call hero today. Tune in next week, and I'll let you know what those traits are, and why they are so important to me.

I guess this here could be called a dramatic cliffhanger. Or, it could be a matter of once again rambling on, and just plain running out of space. Y'know, one or the other...

Thanks for reading, and see you all next week.

J. Sewell is a Voice columnist

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A Harry Potter novice reviews Harry Potter

JON SEWELL

A couple weeks ago, I went down to visit my friend and his girlfriend in New York City. While we were planning my visit, he gravely informed me that while we would have most of the weekend to do as we pleased, we were required, by order of his girlfriend, to attend a screening of Harry Potter with her.

Well, while my buddy and I were waiting to meet his girlfriend at the theatre, a group of complete strangers strolled by, and one of them stopped, looked at us for a few seconds, and declared that we were obviously a couple guys being dragged to see Harry Potter by our girlfriends. Apparently we just oozed "condemned".

But, I have to admit, I kinda liked the movie. It was, well, cute. It was definitely a "kids" movie, though I could see how the film, as well as the books, could appeal to an adult audience. Think of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory: a movie geared towards children, but with a definite dark, macabre feel to it, that children may not immediately pick up on. I no longer make fun of my friends that read the books. In fact, I'm almost half jealous of them (almost!).

First off, I was impressed that the movie lacked any major stars. With as much hype as this film received, it would have been easy to fall back on celebrity names to carry it. Rather, it was cast with relatively unknown actors. Daniel Radcliffe plays Harry Potter, and I was impressed by his performance. He effectively portrays a sense of young wisdom, a result of Harry's difficult upbringing. Emma Watson, who plays Harry's friend Hermonie, was just delightful. An absolutely adorable young actress, she plays the snobby, know-it-all overachiever part perfectly. Other parts, such as Harry's cohort Ron, the wise Professor Voidemort, and the shady Professor Snape were also well cast. I only wish they had hired one major star, Christopher Walken, to play the role of scary Filch the Caretaker. Oh well.

I was also struck by the attention to detail in the movie. Again, the studio could have just thrown something together, and still made a fortune. But small parts of the movie really stuck out. For example, the film contains the cliched "secret door disguised as the brick wall" bit. Instead of just having the wall slide aside, though, they made it a wonderful special effects display, with each individual brick rotating and spinning, reforming the structure of the wall itself. Also, the broom flying scenes were excellently shot. You almost got dizzy watching it.

Finally, I was impressed that director Chris Columbus didn't pull any punches with the scenes that may seem too violent or frightening for children. At one point, they showed a demon-like creature drinking the blood of a unicorn, and I was amazed to see Harry actually bloodied at the end of the movie. As I said, this is a kid's movie, but there is enough in there to entertain adults as well. If only it wasn't two and a half hours long...

All in all, this was an enjoyable flick. Check it out.

-File Photo

Daniel Radcliffe, the star of the new hit movie, Harry Potter

Welcome back punk rock

JED DION

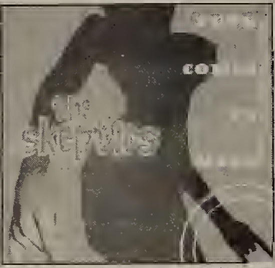
It is very rare that I find a local band that I truly like. It's not that I have something against all local bands, it's just most local bands don't bother to make a decent recording, or most tend to have poorly written songs. Such is not the case with local punk/ska band The Skeptics and their new CD "Punk Comes to Mind."

Released in July independently, the disc features six very well written tunes. Both the lyrics and the music is a giant notch above what most bands are putting out these days. It's fast with a lot of chunky bass and clever guitar work, the Skeptics aren't messing around.

The Skeptics, made up of Tony on vocals and guitar, Ryan on bass, Rob on guitar and Bill on drums stick to fast paced punk rock and third wave ska to deliver songs about girls, missing friends and punk rock clubs.

The disc starts off with the light sounds of acoustic guitar on the first track "Ode to Dan." Don't think that these boys wuss out though, because after the pretty guitars come a great ska verse, punk chorus patterned tune. The song sets a good tone for the album and is followed by one of my favorites "Where's Dale?" This song features some nicely done vocals by singer Tony Disanto and a bass line that'll make you dizzy trying to follow along. The Skeptics also stick some ska in this song.

A lot of bands these days avoid ska like it was a terrible disease. The Skeptics are not afraid to play it however, showing that they will not conform to any standards or expectations in music these days. I commend them for that.



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Cover of "Punk Comes to Mind"

Track three titled, "Time and Time" is another ska/punk song with some great guitar solos followed by "Glory Days" a song of straight up punk. Most of the songs on "Punk Comes to Mind" are of the same speedy tempo. There is no point on this album that drags or kills the aggressive mood of the album.

The song "Gabby's" is kind of a funny song for anyone who managed to get out to a show at the club of that name. Gabby's was one of the few places around where local bands could play. It was shut down unfortunately due to the uncompromising Westfield State Police. The venue saw many Skepties shows before it was closed last year. The song takes a look at the club and the state of the punk scene surrounding it.

The disc closes with "Dead Ends" a punk song similar to the others but not in any way redundant. The album may be shot, but it leaves a strong impact. The Skeptics started off as a ska/punk band complete with horns and two singers. Members can and went till finally resting with the four members heard on "Punk Comes to Mind." Recently Bill has been replaced on drums by Caley. Check out this band if you are interested in crazy punk rock. Visit band's website at http://go.to/theskeptics to look at pictures and to find out when the band is playing around the area.

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Feeling the pinch

JEFFREY J. MUZZY

Have you ever tried to out run a wave at the beach? What about a tidal wave? I did. Thanksgiving has passed, the only thing lying before us between now and Winter break is finals. I haven't been this happy to see the end of a school year in a long while, however it reminds me of some human gauntlet where you have to run between two rows of people that have to beat you and stomp you into the ground on your way to the finish. Surviving this ritual becomes a great challenge and very satisfying if you do. Well the lines are formed and the end is in sight.

This fall semester is my first semester back in college in a few years, and instead of taking it slow and simple and drag this education of mine out any longer than need to, I jumped right in with a full time schedule, as well as working full time. Now that would seem like enough as it is, but not me, I'm not that smart. I decided to take on an evening martial art class twice a week, write for the paper, (missed one deadline) and a radio project. What does that all spell? Stupidity? Yup.

I'd have to say, that this is the first semester that I have ever been this active. There were just so many things available to me this semester that I wanted to get involved in, not just for the my own enjoyment, but also felt that these things would benefit me in later years, resume's, future employers and ideas for future careers, along with just things I wanted to do, and may not have the chance as I get older. There was a point right up till the last week before Thanksgiving that I felt I had a pretty good grasp of all these eggs that I was juggling. It seems that the tide is catching up with me.

I know that I'm not the only one, everyone has there own eggs. So while we scramble to finish projects, stay up late during the week writing reports and gathering data from labs, try to keep in mind that there is an end to the madness. Don't think about the fact that you'll have to do it all over again in the spring, like racing around a track, just as you get closer to the finish line you sprint to get to the end, only to find out that you have to go around again.

We signed up for this insanity. I'm told that it builds character and only benefits us in the end, though right now it sure doesn't feel like it. I have to say, that if I make it out of this semester not only alive, but with the grades that I believe are my best work, I know that I was glad that I lived this semester exactly the way I wanted it, and did just about everything I wanted to do at the same time. Yeah, I bounced from one task to another, and had multiple items due at the same time, (this article is due before mid-night or it doesn't make it).

I still want to get a slot on the campus radio station, and join a weekend deck hockey league. There's no time to add more, and as for creating more free time, I could have taken fewer classes, not gotten involved in so many side projects, whatever. Anything to lighten the load. I know that there are people out there on campus that have been doing this their whole college life. They have my full awe and amazement.

Good luck to everyone in their quest for a relaxing winter break, once you go through their own gauntlet. To some, finals won't be so bad, and to others they would rather the coming of the apocalypse. We're all going through them, whether that's it on our plate, or we have other responsibilities. Everybody has to go through it together. That's pretty close to my perspective.

‘‘Breakfast at Tiffany’s’’ band returns with something different

BY JESSICA NORDEN
ASSISTANT A&E EDITOR

Now I don't know about any of you, but back 5 years ago or so, there was a band that had a song called, "Breakfast at Tiffany's." It went something like this, "....and I said what about breakfast at Tiffany's..." Come on, you have to remember that song! Well anyways, Deep Blue Something, the band that wrote "Breakfast at Tiffany's," has come out with a new self-titled album.

The first track is "Military Man." The song has an awesome beat and a chorus that catches you from the beginning and continues throughout the song. "Don't shake the military man's hand/you know what will happen/one shot and you're in Japan". The band makes a good use of various beats and rhythms to change the tempo.

Their newest hit is the third track, "She Is." It's a sentimental song whose lyrics touch you right away. "Who am I to say what I believe/is the way things should be?/ What am I to think what I've got/ is what everyone wants?/And what makes you so perfect, man?" The song goes on to describe a girl that is everything to the singer. "She is everything I could ever be/She is everything that I believe in/Can't you see that she and me/are the way things should be?"

"Page Me Wolverine" was the one song on the CD I didn't enjoy. The tune of the song was okay, but the lyrics are so repetitive and they become irritating after awhile. "Page me wolverine. You're welcome to my machine./Page me wolverine. You're welcome to my machine." The song just doesn't seem to make much sense to me. But, other listeners may like it.

The final track, "Beautiful Nightmare," was one of my favorites. The lyrics are somewhat sensual and unique. "A beautiful nightmare/who will know what she'll wear this year/and I'm walking on thin air/won't you show me the way out of here." The song was relaxing and peaceful.

All in all, this CD was something I enjoyed and would go out buy.

So, if you liked Deep Blue Something's "Breakfast at Tiffany's," listen to their new CD or check out their website at www.deepblue something.com. I definitely recommend it.

deepbluesomething

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The cover of Deep Blue Something's new self titled album

Top 6 Majors WSC Should Adopt

6. School Management. Apparently they didn't offer this major at the colleges our administrators went to either.

5. Television. I know we have a TV major, but I mean a major where we learn about “Dawson’s Creek” and “ Felicity.”

4. Freshman Fundamentals. Classes like: How to Drink a Keg Without Puking; The Art of Ramen Noodles; and AIM: Your Only Contact Home.

3. Time Management. Then they could finish projects in a quicker amount of time. How long has that fencing been up in front of Ely?

2. Culinary Arts. Maybe then the Dining Commons could learn how to cook real food.

1. Bartending. Now that's one class everyone would do extra credit in.

"Our Common Foe"
(to Alexa Anne)
-Chris Ward

Other times the threshold which aided me fails
and the crucial choices regain their glow
mistakes and situations start to show
Clever mitigations, mindless millstoned sails

On the day of forgiveness the truth impaled
a willing victim of our common foe
a descent to where my excuses go
when she questions my half of the sordid tale

The way a stone contemplates the animate
which pass, as the days count for barely a blink
yet they'd kill for another day in the stream
She's found me, although it can't happen yet
as water's taste before reaching the sink
Is there, in truth, no escape from the dreams?

The Three

CHRIS PINEO

The Three is a story written by student Chris Pineo. Each week a new chapter appears in the Campus Voice.

After the phone broke I still needed help from Nancy, the computer technician for "The Informant." As I walked to her office it occurred to me that in all the time I had worked for this paper, I had never needed her help more times in a single day than today. It's strange, how you can be so dependent on a person and yet so unappreciative. I knocked before entering her office.

"Hello Nancy. Sorry, I'm being such a pest but we seem to have gotten...Uhh...disconnected," I didn't know how she would react if I said that I dropped the phone and smashed it. "I need more information on this SIP character."

"Well," she rifled through the contents of her desk drawer. "The best I can really do is to give you this."

She handed me a piece of plastic with a chain on it. It was something like one of those clear sleeves someone would keep a credit card in. This one had a small slip inside that said "Chimera Incorporated: Press Pass." I wasn't sure what use I had for this.

"What is this?"

"That will get you into the Chimera complex this weekend."

"For what?"

"They're having some kind of demonstration. The press release that came with it said something about some new weapon. This is a big event, right up your alley. A lot of higher up politicians will be there as well as some top military brass."

"Anyone, in particular?"

"This General Krieger fellow might be of interest to you."

"Krieger?"

"He's a four star general in the Marines. Rumor has it he's going to be on the next presidential ballot. You're into politics right?"

"How did you get these things? I mean the computer technician doesn't usually get put in charge of press releases."

"Swiped 'em from an editor's desk."

"Swiped?"

"Yeah, I knew you'd be interested. Actually, I picked 'em up a little before you came down."

"OK? Well, thanks I guess."

I headed back to my desk. When I got there my immediate superior, the editor of the politics section was waiting for me. I usually got along with the guy despite his sadistic, slightly unsettling personality. He had his hand on his head (messing up his perfectly slicked black hair) as he looked down at the shattered remains of my desk phone. His dark brown almost black eyes trained on me as I approached. He was not happy.

Tune in next week for the new installment of The Three

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Congratulations to the Intramurals Players of the Month

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Zamora, Lyman, Corr Named All New England

Marino Is Coach Of Year

WESTFIELD, Mass. - The postseason honors keep piling up for the Westfield State College football team.

Westfield State head coach Steve Marino was recognized by the New England Football Writers for his efforts in leading the Owls to the most successful season in the program's 20-year history.

Marino was selected the New England Division II/III Coach of the Year by the writers association. The 12th-year Westfield State coach guided the Owls to their first perfect regular season, their first New England Football Conference championship, and their first NCAA Tournament berth. The Owls posted a 10-0 regular season record before losing to Western Connecticut, 8-7, in the NCAA playoffs.

Marino, a 1971 Westfield State graduate, also was the unanimous selection as Coach of the Year in the 13-team New England Football Conference this season. He also earned NEFC coach of the year honors in 1992.

"I am very honored to receive this award," said Marino. "This was a very rewarding and enjoyable season for me and for Westfield State College. A lot of the credit for our success must go to my four assistant coaches and to the players."

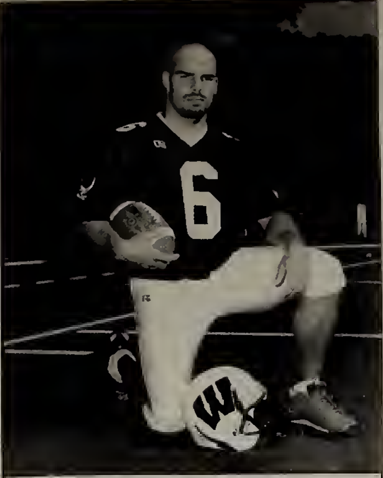
Shawn Lyman, Josue Zamora and Tim Corr were three of the five players from the NEFC who were named to the 2001 All New England Division II/III All-Star team as selected by the New England Football Writers. A total of 28 players from 16 colleges are represented on the unit.

Lyman, a senior running back from West Springfield, ranked third nationally in rushing yards per game (145.2). He averaged nearly 30 carries a game (294) and was a first team all conference selection. In addition, Lyman received the NEFC's prestigious Hal Chalmers Scholar-Athlete Award.

Zamora - a junior middle linebacker from Hartford, Conn. - was an unanimous selection as the Defensive Player of the Year in the New England Football Conference. He led the Owls with 99 tackles and three blocked kicks.

Corr - a senior end from Duxbury - also was a standout for the Owls' defense that ranked first nationally in total defense and second in passing defense. Corr, a two-time first team all conference pick, recorded 50 tackles, including 18 for losses and a team-high nine sacks. He also led the team with two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.

Marino and his three players will be honored at the New England Football Writers Captains & Awards banquet on Thursday, Dec. 6, at Lantana's Restaurant in Randolph, Mass.



Gold Helmet Award

Westfield State College football standout Josue Zamora has received three prestigious postseason awards in the past few weeks. Zamora was selected by New England college sportswriters the Gold Helmet Award recipient as the New England Division II/III Player of the Year. The writers also selected him to their All New England Division II/III All-Star team, and he was the unanimous selection as the New England Football Conference Player of the Year. The talented middle linebacker led the Owls' defense that was ranked first in the nation in total defense, second in passing defense, and eighth in rushing defense and scoring defense. Zamora is the first player in the 20-year history of the Westfield State football program to receive the Gold Helmet Award.

Eleven Owls Football All-Stars

Eleven members of Westfield State's championship football team were recently selected All Conference in the 13-team New England Football Conference.

In voting conducted by the conference coaches, seven Owls were first team all conference selections, led by senior running back Shawn Lyman and junior middle linebacker Josue Zamora.

Zamora made an immediate impact in his first year of college football and he was the unanimous selection as NEFC Defensive Player of the Year. The Hartford, Conn., native led the Owls with 99 tackles and three blocked kicks.

In addition to his first-team selection at running back, Lyman was named the Hal Chalmers Award winner as the NEFC's top scholar-athlete in his final year of eligibility. The West Springfield native ranked third nationally in rushing yards per game (145.2) and also scored 14 touchdowns.

Joining Zamora and Lyman in the spotlight was Westfield State head coach Steve Marino, who was the unanimous selection as the NEFC Coach of the Year. Marino guided the Owls to a 10-0 regular season record and berth in the NCAA Tournament. The 12th-year coach also won the award in 1992.

Other first team selections were junior defensive back Ryan Clifford, senior defensive end Tim Corr, junior offensive guard Dave Duquette, junior offensive tackle Doug Kaczmarczyk, and sophomore wide receiver Matt Yvon.

Clifford was one of three Westfield defensive backs recognized by the conference coaches. The Waltham native led the team with six interceptions and also had 11 pass breakups.

Corr was a leader of the stellar Westfield defense that ranked first nationally in total defense (188.0), second in passing defense, and eighth in both rushing defense (74.4) and scoring (11.0). Corr recorded 50 tackles, including 18 for losses and a team-high nine sacks. The fifth-year senior also had two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries. The Duxbury native also was first-team all conference last year and was named all conference honorable mention this year as a punter.

Duquette was the leading vote getter at the offensive guard position, while Kaczmarczyk was an anchor for the offense that ranked first in the NEFC in rushing and second in total offense.

Yvon emerged as the go-to guy for Westfield's receiving corps, and came up with game-winning catches in big victories over Nichols and Worcester State. The East Longmeadow native had 52 receptions for 865 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Second-team all conference players were junior defensive back Alan Gates, sophomore linebacker Mike Hurteau, and sophomore center Rob Bryne. Junior defensive back Aaron Ragland made the honorable mention squad.

Gates totaled three interceptions, three fumble recoveries, six pass breakups, and 26 tackles. Hurteau was the second-leading tackler with 62 stops, while Ragland had two interceptions and a team-high 13 pass breakups.

Westfield Places 20 On MASCAC Teams

Twenty Westfield State student-athletes representing six sports were named to the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference All-MASCAC teams during the fall semester.

Five members of the Owls' field hockey team that finished in a three-way tie for the conference championship earned all conference honors. First-team selections were sophomore forward B.J. Dion and junior back Meghan Perreault. Dion also was a first-team pick during her freshman year when she was named conference Rookie of the Year.

Second-team selections were freshman back Sadie Driscoll, senior midfielder Alison Pratt, and senior forward Nikki Girolamo. Pratt also was a second-team honoree last year.

Five members of the men's soccer squad that finished second in both the MASCAC and the ECAC postseason tournaments were named all conference.

Heading the list is junior midfielder Chris Whalley of Southwick, a first-team pick this season and in 2000, and a second-team selection in 1999 when he was the conference Rookie of the Year. Whalley was the Owls' leading scorer this season with 25 points and currently ranks sixth in career assists (31) and 18th in career scoring (67 points) at Westfield State.

Sophomore back Joel Dam was Westfield's other first-team team honoree. The Marshfield native was a second-team pick during his freshman year when he also was named the MASCAC Rookie of the Year.

Second-team selections in the eight-team conference were freshman forward Brian White, sophomore forward Jay Chelo, and goalie D.J. Conway, the team's only senior.

Three members of the women's volleyball team that placed second in the conference were All-MASCAC selections.

First-teamers were setter Sarah Cormier and outside hitter Katie Simlick, Westfield's only two seniors. Both were second-team picks last year. Cormier again led the Owls in assists with 372 this year, while Simlick ranked second in both kills (170) and digs (179). Named to the volleyball second team was junior Tasha Goulet.

Four women's soccer players were named all conference. Junior Janet Bourget of Holden earned all conference honors for the third consecutive year; she was a first-teamer the past two seasons and a second team pick in 1999.

Second-team selections this season were junior back Meg Borsari, senior back Kelly Furlong, and senior forward Joy Flaherty.

Three members of Westfield State's cross country teams earned all conference honors by placing in the top seven at the MASCAC championships. Senior Starr Hockenberry of Southwick finshed third in the women's meet. In the men's race, freshman Geoff Churchill placed fourth and senior Marco Iannello finished seventh.

Basketball, Swimming Results

Women's Basketball
Eastern Conn. 75 - Westfield 66

WESTFIELD - Eastern Connecticut withstood a second-half comeback to defeat Westfield State, 75-66, in women's basketball.

Trailing 47-29 at halftime, Westfield State erased the 18-point deficit to tie the score at 64-64 on a three-point basket by junior guard Brenda Knott with 3:31 left.

The Owls also tied the score at 66-66 with 2:30 remaining on a basket by senior forward A.J. LaBelle, who scored a team-high 18 points. But Eastern Connecticut, now 4-0, outscored Westfield 9-0 in the final 1:35.

Sophomore standout forward Allison Coleman sealed the victory by draining a three-point basket from well beyond the arc with 50.1 seconds remaining. Coleman - a first-team All American last season as a freshman - posted game-highs of 24 points and 13 rebounds.

Coleman canned 18 of her points in the first half when the Warriors shot a sizzling 58 percent, including 5-for-9 from three-point range. Westfield's defense stiffened in the second half and held the visitors to 26 percent shooting from the floor..

Junior forward Melissa Cote had 16 points and rebounds for 1-3 Westfield and senior guard Michaela Blaney added six points and 10 boards. Knott finished with 12 points, all in the second half as she sparked the Owls' comeback with her long-range shooting.

Women's Swimming
Westfield State 145 - WNEC 114

WESTFIELD - Sophomore Dana LedDuke won three events to lead the Westfield State swimming and diving team to a 145-114 victory over Western New England College on Tuesday, Nov. 27.

The Owls improved to 2-1 this season as veteran head coach Dave Laing notched his 99th career victory. WNEC dropped to 0-4.

LedDuke placed first in the 100 butterfly (1:08.13), the 50 butterfly (29.93), and the 100 individual medley (1:11.63).

Junior Kim MacKenzie was a double winner for Westfield, hitting the wall first in the 50 breaststroke (36.63) and the 100 breaststroke (1:20:22). Also finishing first for Westfield was freshman Heather Nelson in the 200 freestyle (2:10.84) and freshman Nicole Spataro in the 500 freestyle (6:05.67).

Varsity Fall Sports Awards Banquet is Dec. 11. Students must pick up a ticket in Ely 244 by Wed., Dec. 5, between 9 and 5.

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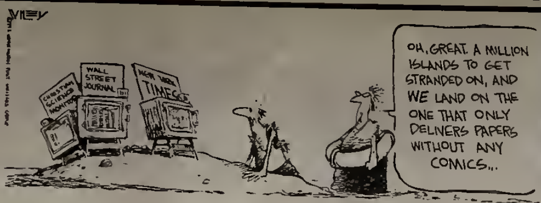
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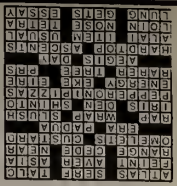

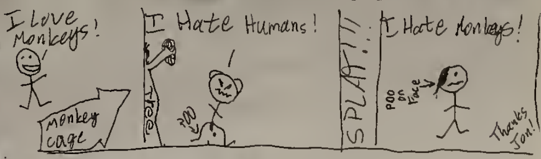
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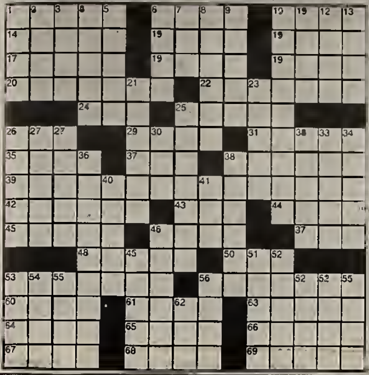

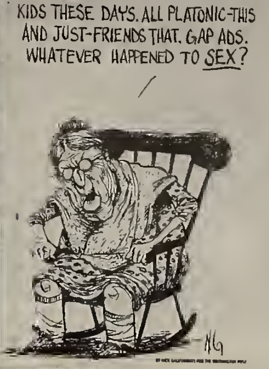
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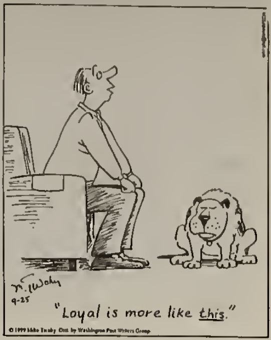
"Loyal is more like this."

Personals

Oh GOD Eric!! PLEASE STOP the flannels & fake family stories. Ye bastard. "Becca"

1C2=HOT BOYZ

AHHH, Run Kevin Run-DHD

Never trust a monkey

Hey little girl!!!-little boy

Pike girls are scandalous

Wes, you better hold on to Maiya before I snatch her up. Watch out!

You don't know what you got til it's gone, does it have to go that far?

Thank you to all of those great friends that care. Thanks for holding me like a baby murielle.

Sarah I hope things work out for you, thanks for being there. -Erica

Wont you love me now, I didn't wear any necklaces?

Got Beer-DHD

I Love Rochey-H work

Yankees still suck and Jeter still swallows

Who else has had a bad mouth?

Ever love someone so much that you want to vomit?

Breaking up is a bitch to do, its hard too.

Kegz n' Eggz before game

Thanks for being my friend Rochey -H work

I just wanted to say hi to my Kitty.........

Arlene Thompson, registered nutritionist will be giving one final presentation to student athletes on Mon. Dec. 3 from 4-5 p.m. in the SGA room.

Hey does any one know who that guy is that looks like shaggy in Davis?

Kevin, nice to see you at the rally.

I want 42 on the Women's B-ball team

Miya will you marry me?

Burke, Dean + Dan- Hows the window holding up?

Erica is finally single!!!!

1C2 Boys are gorgeous.

I hope the stars are lined up better next month.

Hey Donlyn, you left your crouchless underwear in the laundry mat.

Happy Birthday to Maiya and Snatch

Hows your sweater?

Nomar loves Meg

Getto B is MAD SHARP!!! Love, your Davis girls.

Dan why is it that you have more guys friends than girlfriends? Are you hiding something from us?

$5.00 for the beer $25.00 for a hampster $40.00 for hampster cage. Talking to your hampster while drunk..... . Priceless

Who won that hot body contest!?!

Fall Semester Sports Banquet-Tues. Dec. 11 at 5:30 p.m. Student athletes must pick up a ticket at the Athletics Dept. (Ely 244) from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The deadline is Dec. 6.

McHugh your still glowing from your weekend with wifey

Michael Jackson cares!!

Jen play that piano again I'll scream -BB

3C3 The Testosterone is leaking out of the door.

What's meant to be will be, and whats not will be forgotten. But I hope its meant to be, I love you , Brian.

Erica, Indent your paragraphs

Jill wear a bra!

Joe don't lie to us......we found out everything!!

Guss...Seen any ghosts lately?

Does anyone on this campus have a pair of handcuffs?

Wayne, Thank you for being the love of my life, Love Lauren.

Sara I truly love U! K.B.

Vinny stop pranking me

Watch out for Meg! She'll punch you in the belly button!

Hey babe, go get yourself that Graham cracker!

Wes, I love you baby, Love Maiya.

TACOS!

Sisters of SIGMA BANG ME are the coolest.

Spegs + fridge=food hoard

Mike, I heard you had a bang up Thanksgiving Break.

I went to see a man about a horse.

Lynn at the DC is the nicest person at WSC!

Have you seen my shadow?

$3 Dollars!!! HAHAHA

And then this one time, I ran away from my shadow.

Becca comes from Venus because she's got a Penis.

Pizani, can you forget anything else?

Scanlon Abercrombie boy- I want your number!

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events

Day	Time	Event	Location
Mon 12/3	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Ghost of Mars"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Tue 12/4	5:30 p.m.	Student Government Association	SGA Office
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Basketball at W. Connecticut	Danbury, CT
	8:00 p.m.	Men's Basketball vs. W. Connecticut	Danbury, CT
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Animal"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Shrek"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Wed 12/5	4:45 p.m.	Campus Activities Board	SGA Office
	7:00 p.m.	Jazz Night	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Coffeehouse	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Crazy/Beautiful"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Mummy Returns"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	"Uncle Vanya"	$$ Ely Theatre
Thur 12/6	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Almost Famous"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Pearl Harbor"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	"Uncle Vanya"	$$ Ely Theatre
Fri 12/7	2:30 p.m.	"Uncle Vanya"	$$ Ely Theatre
	7:30 p.m.	Mens Basketball vs. Springfield College	Northampton, MA
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Emperor's New Groove"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Ghost of Mars"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	"Uncle Vanya"	$$ Ely Theatre
Sat 12/8	7:00 a.m.	New York City Trip	New York, NY
	1:00 p.m.	Swimming & Diving at Smith	Northampton, MA
	2:30 p.m.	"Uncle Vanya"	$$ Ely Theatre
	4:00 p.m.	Men's Basketball vs. Amherst College	Northampton, MA
	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live w/ WSKB 89.5FM	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	"Uncle Vanya"	$$ Ely Theatre
Sun 12/9	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium

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Rally around us

Professors and students come together to question President Woodward about contracts and tuition fees

Places everybody

Theatre department presents their fall production "Uncle Vanya"

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WSC senior and Elementary Education major Christine Hunt student teaches at Juniper Park. Often times education majors need to remain for over four years to complete the requirements for their major, which includes student teaching.

Education majors have mixed feelings about graduating on time

By Adrienne Lamplough
Assistant Editor

Westfield State Education majors and students working towards their education certification have mixed expectations about the ability to graduate in four years where some feel it's attainable but others feel it's very difficult.

"It is possible to graduate in four years, but it's not if you just take 15 credits a semester. I don't know if it's possible to student teach and graduate within the four years," said senior Jason Renslow, an English major who is also working towards his secondary education certification.

"Students can graduate on time if they select their courses carefully for their major," said Richard Frank, Education Department Chair. "Many people do it, so yes it's possible."

Students that might have a difficult time graduating within four years are freshmen that don't declare education as their major until sophomore year and transfer students, said Frank. These students may have taken courses that fulfill their requirement for credits but not for their major.

"The courses that are offered meet the state's requirements," said Frank.

It may be possible to repeat some of the same content in different classes, said Frank. The intent is to introduce and build upon new material offered in earlier courses.

Some students said that much of the material in education classes is the same though. "I don't think that they require too much, although a lot of it is repetitive," said Renslow.

It is the same ideas over and over again, said Renslow. Equity and Education and Schools and America are two classes that could be combined.

"Research Methods in Education is a great class which is absolutely necessary," said Renslow. "The bottom line is to have Education majors spend more time in front of a class before they head out to student teach."

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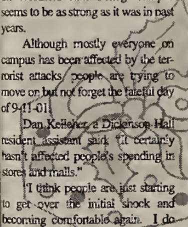
Clubs help charities in spirit of holiday season

By Brooke Ann Popielarz
Voice Reporter



Despite the terrible events on September 11, the spirit of giving on the Westfield State College campus seems to be as strong as it was in past years.

Although mostly everyone on campus has been affected by the terrorist attacks, people are trying to move on but not forget the fateful day of 9-11-01.

Dan Kelleher, a Dickinson Hall resident assistant said, "It certainly hasn't affected people's spending in stores and malls."

"I think people are just starting to get over the initial shock and becoming comfortable again. I do not feel the malls have caused any kind of negative impact on shopping," Janet Garcia, Director of Westfield State College's Life Long Learning Center said.

While shopping remains the focus for the holiday season, so does giving and helping the needy. Class of 2005 and Campus Activities Board are participating in the "All I Want For Christmas" campaign. Both groups are helping to collect money and unwrapped toys for the less fortunate.

Class of 2005 bought ornaments from Walmart to decorate a tree. Their goal was to have a tree decorated with messages on each bulb from people who buy one for $1 dollar. The owner of the bulb can write any kind of holiday message on it. The money raised will go to the "All I Want For Christmas" campaign.

"I think it is a really good cause that goes to a good charity, this is a good creative idea," said freshmen class president Nicki Becker.

The money earned will go towards the "All I Want For Christmas" campaign and will be given to families who don't have the income to afford presents this holiday season. Instead of giving gifts like most charities we are giving money

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Last coffeehouse of semester starts quietly, ends "with a bang"

By Jessica Norden
Assistant A & E Editor

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

Dan Harren and Scott Howe performed at last week's coffeehouse.

The last coffeehouse of the semester kicked off Wednesday December 5 in Ely Main Lounge with music and holiday cheer. Scott Toomey was the host for the evening, which brought back both new and old acts of all types.

This month's coffeehouse benefited "All I Want for-Christmas", which is a fund to help give needy children presents for Christmas. Pictures with Santa were taken for $1 as well as decorating ornaments. CAB also passed out Spring Weekend surveys to the students to choose their top 3 choices for bands for Spring Weekend this coming semester.

Take Aim was the first performance of the night with John Procaccini on vocals and guitar, Eric Stoebart on bass, Ricky Tonzi on drums, and Jon Bexiga on lead guitar. Their performance was cut a bit short due to a scheduling conflict between the theatre department and the campus center. Uncle Vanya's opening night was Wednesday, the same night as the coffeehouse, which created a conflict of noise.

Seduced by Madness was up next featuring Tim Gilligan, John Gilligan and WSC student Dave Procaccini. They played a few of their own songs and said they enjoyed the reaction they got from the crowd. "We were pretty good," said Procaccini.

A good crowd had formed by the time freshmen Dan Harren and Scott Howe performed an acoustic cover of Tom Petty's "Last Dance with Mary Jane" and wowed the audience. Harren commented on their performance. "We did this just for fun."

Sophomore Ryan Wynns sang a couple of his own songs as he played electric guitar. Wynns commented on

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New organization asking for support to make WSC more handicap accessible

By Tom Perron
Voice Reporter

Many students complain about their classes on the fourth floor of Wilson Hall because they don't want to climb up the four flights of stairs.

But imagine being physically unable to climb the Wilson stairs. Imagine being in a wheelchair, sophomore Paul Devine challenged the Student Government Association last Tuesday night.

"Think about all of the places that you could not go on campus if you were in a wheelchair," Devine said.

Devine is president of Common Grounds, an organization created this year as a support group for students with disabilities.

Devine and other members of Common Grounds attended last Tuesday's Senate meeting, asking for support to make Westfield State College more handicap accessible.

"We are not an activist group," said Devine. "But, in many ways we are."

Some of the issues Common Grounds is addressing include access to buildings and doors on handicap bathroom stalls in Wilson.

"Some things, like bathrooms, we'll take care of immediately," Dr. Arthur Jackson, vice president of student affairs, said.

"I always wondered about there not being doors in the Wilson bathrooms," Kevin Bourinot, a junior biology major, said. "What's up with that? I'd

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Turn to page 9 for important information that could help save many women's lives.

Eldredge to write government officials concerning funding cuts

By Kristin Palpini
Voice Reporter

During last Tuesday night's Senate meeting, Student Government Association president Shane Eldredge said he is writing a letter to government officials to reconsider the recent government cuts in higher education funding.

Seventy percent of students attending WSC depend upon financial aid. The recent cuts will affect scholarships, Eldredge said.

On Thursday, December 6, Eldredge will be contacting community colleges in the area and asking their student presidents to write similar letters to ask for a remission in the cuts.

Also on the agenda, newly appointed vice president of Finance, Chris Murray, took the podium to ask Senate to give money for the Outing Club and the Sports Medicine Club.

The Sports Medicine Club asked for $1,233.50 to attend the Athletic Trainers Association Convention in Boston from January 6-8, 2002. SGA allocated $1050.00 to the Sports Medicine Club.

The Outing Club requested $695.00 for new cross-country ski poles for snowshoeing. SGA allocated $222.72 for the poles. There was a little concern about over-spending the Senate treasury and not leaving enough for spring semester activities and clubs.

In other news, Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Arthur Jackson was able to dispel rumors of ResNet scanning student computers to look for software sharing programs and pornography. WSC shares a "T-line" with the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and the only searching done on student computers is for viruses, Jackson said.

Also, there is a chance of inconvenience for students staying in the apartments over winter break. There may not be hot water for two or three days at a time while the system is being looked at. There is a possibility of other facilities, such as Scanlon Hall, opening for students to use that have hot running water.

Next, the sophomore class is working on two fundraisers, Lindsey Callahan, President of the Class of 2004, announced.

Two fundraisers the class is working on are the Westfield State-Opoly and a fundraiser for Camp Heartland, a camp helping children with HIV/AIDS.

Student Government Representative Tom Perron said, "Helping this camp makes me feel like I'm actually out there helping people."

Westfield State-Opoly is the other fundraiser in the works, Callahan said.

Callahan described the game as a rip-off of Monopoly, but instead of Park Place and Boardwalk, the squares will be different WSC organizations and businesses around town.

"I am so psyched about this, I love Monopoly! Now I can play Monopoly on a board full of campus clubs," Kelly Clarke, a junior Communication major said. "That is so sweet! I would definitely buy a copy of that!"

Education

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Other education students said that while the material may seem repetitive, there is still something that can be taken from each class. "It is difficult to get the requirements done in four years but I don't feel the requirements are unreasonable," said senior Katie Ponte, an elementary education major. "I feel that every education class I've taken has been useful to me.

"There are classes that are similar but no two classes are exactly the same," Ponte said. "You get something new out of every class you take."

Not every student that is studying to be a teacher is an education major, Frank said. "I'd like to make it clear what is considered to be an education major. Education majors are elementary, early childhood and special education," said Frank.

Secondary education is not an education major. For example, a student might major in History and get a certificate for secondary education. Education majors are seeking licenses to teach and need to have a second major, said Frank.

At some colleges and universities, students in certain majors get breaks from the core to ensure they will be able to finish major requirements in time. Boston College allows its nursing majors to cut out the foreign language core requirement. Some education students at WSC have said the core is important though, and they shouldn't be treated differently than students in other majors.

"If you start letting one major get a break on the core, it would start a lot of controversy," said Ponte. "If you set a core for the whole college, you should make the whole college follow it."

Core courses should be necessary for everyone. It is a very important part of college, it allows students to communicate about different things in the real world, said Renslow.

"For me it's not just about getting good grades but being able to go out into the world as an educated human," Renslow said.

"Students get breaks if they choose classes that are for their major and for their core," said Frank. Under the core that was put into place in the Fall of 1998, students are allowed to "double dip" and take core classes that also count for their major.

From the Editor's Desk

Happy Holidays

Winter break is about to begin and it couldn't have come any sooner. I'm sure we're all feeling the burn. We badly need a break from the long hours of studying and writing papers we've been putting in the last few weeks of the semester. I know I'm trying to squeeze in my Christmas shopping and waiting in long lines with all of those end of semester papers that professors love to give out. With all of the work that is being piled on top of everyone, I thought I'd keep the mood light this week with my editor's desk, and let everyone know of some holiday treats that will hopefully lighten your mood as well.

Well, the weather definitely is not putting me in the holiday spirits. I helped friends of mine move into their new house last Saturday in 70 degree weather. It's almost surreal standing around outside in a t-shirt while people are hanging Christmas lights on their house and putting plastic reindeer on their roofs. While many people are saying how they love this weather (and I'll admit it is great to not have to walk around in the bitter cold) what I love about New England is the snow, ice, wind, and yes, the cold for Christmas. We don't always have a white Christmas, but it always feels like winter. I may be one of the few, but I am hoping to get some old fashioned New England cold weather for Christmas, and hopefully earlier than that to put me in the festive mood.

Since the weather isn't doing the job, we'll have to turn to other things to put us in the holiday spirit. My suggestion: take a break from finals and papers and watch a few classic holiday movies. Many holiday specials are shown on television this time of year. And while the new ones may not be as good as those claymation shows with Rudolph and Frosty we all used to enjoy as kids, they're sure to put a smile on your face. Many have already been shown in the past few weeks, but there are still more to come. Here are some of the holiday specials that will be aired in the next few weeks.

*How the Grinch Stole Christmas-Friday, Dec. 14, 8 p.m. WB (1966 cartoon version)
*The Story of Santa Claus-Saturday, Dec. 15, 8 p.m. CBS
*Mrs. Santa Claus, Saturday, Dec. 15, 9 p.m. Hallmark Channel
*Winnie the Pooh and Christmas Too-Sunday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m. ABC
*A Town Without Christmas-Sunday, Dec. 16, 9 p.m. CBS
*T'was-Monday, Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m. HBO
*Santa Baby-Monday, Dec. 17, 8 p.m. FOX
*The Sons of Mistletoe-Sunday, Dec. 19, 9 p.m. CBS
*Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer-Friday, Dec. 21, 8:30 p.m. WB

And my personal favorite...
*It's A Wonderful Life-Monday, Dec. 24, 8 p.m. NBC

So break out the popcorn and Christmas cookies, take a break from your work and enjoy some great holiday classics.

Laura Cyr
Editor-In-Chief

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for the families to pick out the presents, said Becker.

On Monday, December 10, ornaments will be sold in the Dining Commons. Every day afterwards they will be sold at the Service Window in Ely, said Becker.

"We are hoping to set the tree in the Dining Commons and any one who wants to bring a gift can set it under the tree and it will be delivered to where the campaign's main branch is located," said Jessica Bass, freshman class treasurer.

The help that the freshmen class organized is simply non-profit. "I just want to help the community and by doing this I feel I am giving to people who do not have material things," says Bass.

Professor Tetrault of the Philosophy Department said that even though bad things have happened, "We still need to go on and remember we still have people in need, that has not gone away."

He suggested groups on campus hold canned food drives and clothing drives year round, especially in the winter. "The balance part of the winter is yet to come. Perhaps food drives can be invigorated, which are the drives that are currently being neglected," said Tetrault.

Candy Heaphy of the Life Long Learning Center thinks gifts this year will be more meaningful to people than in the past. "People are aware of the impermanence of life now, taking things for granted is not likely now," she said.

"Personally, it has been a challenge to get in the spirit because of how things have drastically turned," said Garcia.

Angela Lapierre, vice president of programming says that she anticipates more monetary donations than toys.

"Every little bit helps," said Lapierre, "I think people have become more humanitarian, meaning more willing to lend a hand. I think the "All I want for Christmas" campaign raises awareness that there are people who need help," said Lapierre.

Sophomore Mike Mascio said, "Maybe with everything that has happened recently in the world, people will stop more and help. .So this holiday season, make every moment a precious one."

Disability

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be embarrassed to have to go to the potty without a door on the stall."

The stalls in Wilson were never designed to have doors, Curt Robie, assistant vice president of Facilities and Operations, said. "We hope to purchase doors and have them installed before next semester or shortly thereafter."

Currently, the school is in the process of adding an elevator to Parenzo Hall, Devine said. "But, we need better access in buildings which have no handicap access, such as Bates" he said.

"How are you supposed to get into Bates?," he asked. "As soon as you walk into the doors you encounter a row of stairs."

"My biggest fear about living on campus, besides a fire drill while I'm in the shower, is the thought that I might break my leg," Kristin Green said, stating that many students who are not disabled have no idea what they would do if they were to ever become handicapped..

"I never realized how many places I wouldn't be able to go to on campus," Green said. "I feel bad for taking that for granted."

Ten years ago Westfield State College was facing the same problems, Devine said.

The Spring 1991 Institutional Self-Study said, "Even though WSC has spent $44,000 since 1986 to improve access to campus buildings, evaluation of physical facilities reveals four areas of the campus where accessibility for physically challenged students is still a major problem."

The buildings with these problems, the self-study said, are Bates Hall, the upper and lower levels of the Ely Campus Center and the second floor of Parenzo Hall.

Ely is next in line for an elevator and then Bates, Jackson said. "However, the college has to pay about $600,000 for each elevator," he said.

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

One of the handicap stalls in the bathrooms in Wilson Hall. Wilson's handicap stalls on floors 2-4 are all missing doors.

Due to the cost of each elevator, Parenzo was the first to have an elevator installed, Robie said. The elevator in Parenzo is costing about $400,000, while an elevator in Ely would run anywhere from $1,500,000-$2,000,000, he said.

But these projects may have to be put on hold for another year based on the budget cuts, Jackson said.

This is a priority, senior senator Amanda Perrin, said. "Why can't we find the money?"

Perrin, who was visually distraught, said, "We found money for an athletics center. We need to find money for this."

Jackson said that students need to write down their concerns and submit them to him or President Woodward to be addressed.

"I know that letters are great, but they seem to do nothing on campus," said Perrin.

Some students feel that buildings, such as the academic/athletics facility, are not as important as full accessibility on campus.

One of these students is Kevin Heaton, a member of Common Grounds.

Heaton asked, "Why don't they use some money from the field house on elevators?"

Jackson said ideas, such as taking money from the field house fund, have already been brought up. But, since the field house is funded by a bond, you cannot use its money for other purposes, Jackson explained.

The Bates elevator is in pian for 2004 and the Ely elevator will be done in 2005 hopefully, Jackson said.

Until elevators are put into these buildings, the school is doing everything possible to make students able to attend all classes, Jackson said. "If you cannot make it to a class on a particular floor," Jackson said, "we will move the class."

In Ely, Jackson said, students can use the freight elevator to get to the basement as well as the third floor of the building, which houses the communication department.

Devine questioned that procedure though. "Do you want the self esteem of being considered freight?" questioned Devine.

Devine said he has taken the freight elevator a couple of times to see what it was like. Besides being extremely dark and being surrounded by bars, "it seemed like a death trap," he said.

Devine said that he understands there are budgets and with the tragedies of September 11, there has been a lot of money cuts.

"These elevators were part of a five year plan ten years ago," Devine said. "Just because of September 11, it does not mean that we should be considered freight!"

Since the Communication Department is located on the third floor of the Ely building, Devine said that he would see it hard for students in wheelchairs to be Communication majors.

"Without these elevators, it affects students' educations," Devine said.

Jackson said, "I do not want anyone to think they are being denied an education."

"The reason that there are so few students on campus who can't use the stairs is because it is so impossible to live on campus," Devine said.

Sophomore Regina Kelly said, "I feel that it would be a lot more stressful to go to school here if you had a physical disability. Not only would you have to worry about your academics, but also how to get around the campus and to your classes."

"I have never really thought about it before, but now I wonder what I would do if I had to be in a wheelchair," Kelly said. "I have no idea how I would get to live a normal college life."

During a speech, senior senator Perrin urged students to start doing something about this.

"I'm upset at the fact that nothing has been done in the past," Perrin said. "I feel that in the four years I was here I did nothing to help."

"It's time to start now!"

Voice of The Week

Elaine Garcia

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CRYSTAL PETTUS
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2005
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Voices Overheard compiled by Tom Perron

Attention EMTs!
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The Board of Directors of the Hilltown Community Ambulance Association, Inc. d/b/a Hilltown Community Ambulance *cordially invites you* to attend a Holiday Reception and Informational Meeting at Stanton Hall, Huntington Center at 7 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 13, 2001

The Hilltown Community Ambulance is the non-profit corporation recently formed to provide emergency medical services and transport to the residents of Blandford, Chester, Huntington, Middlefield, Montgomery, Russell and Worthington. All currently, fully credentialed EMTs who wish to learn more about the organization and who may wish to apply for employment or volunteer for evening and weekend coverage are encouraged to attend.

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Celebration allows students to recognize teachers who have been influential in their lives

BY KATHRYN GELINAS
SPECIAL TO THE VOICE

On Tuesday afternoon, November 4, 2001, approximately 40 students, faculty, administration and honored teachers gathered in the Scanlon Living room for the 5th Annual Celebration of Teachers.

This event is designed for Westfield State education majors to nominate and recognize a teacher in their life that has had a positive influence in their decision to become a teacher.

Jane Nagle was the coordinator of this event, but recognized Joan Rasool, Associate Dean of Education as the "Guardian Angel" of the event for taking an idea and making it an actuality.

"We need to take the time to celebrate teachers. The teachers and students present have the ability and potential to change the world one child at a time," Nagle said as she introduced the reception.

There were 17 outstanding teachers, 15 of which attended, that were nominated for making a difference in the lives of 19 students in our education program.

Students nominated elementary, high school, college and even pre-practicum teachers who they felt deserved recognition for their achievements as teachers.

Students had the opportunity to share why this person has had an effect on their lives and the teachers received a rose and a large gold-frame certificate of appreciation from them.

"These honors are few and far between and this is a wonderful opportunity," said Lois Siegel, a high school teacher nominated by Karen Samson.

"I hope to be half the teacher that she is," said student Merritt Gawle, when speaking about her mother, Marilyn Gawle, a teacher of 38 years and graduate of Westfield State College.

The hour-long celebration brought connections and caring into the lives of pre-service teachers and also to the many teachers,who were recognized as making a difference in a child's life.

Taste of the Holidays
Thursday, December 13
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11/12/01-THEFT, PROPERTY STOLEN FROM KITCHEN: LAMMERS

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-MEDICAL EMERGENCY, AMBULANCE: APARTMENTS

-COUNTERFEIT PARKING DECAL FOUND: DAVIS ROAD

-MOTOR VEHICLE STOP: ELY ROAD

11/16/01-MOTOR VEHICLE STOP, DRIVING IN WRONG DIRECTION: WILSON ROAD

-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION, DRUGS: LAMMERS

-UNSTABLE PERSON, TRANSPORT TO NOBLE HOSPITAL: COURTNEY

-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION, ALCOHOL: LAMMERS

11/17/01-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION , ALCOHOL: COURTNEY

-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION, ALCOHOL: APARTMENTS

-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION, ALCOHOL: APARTMENTS

-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION, DRUGS: DAVIS

11/18/01-FALSE FIRE ALARM, ALARM PULLED: APARTMENTS

-CHECK PERSONS: NON-STUDENTS TRESPASSED: SCANLON

-INVESTIGATION, USE OF LOST PARKING DECAL: PUBLIC SAFETY

-MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION, FIRE EXTINGUISHER CASE DAMAGE, DAVIS HALL

11/19/01- INVESTIGATION, STUDENTS FIGHTING: DAVIS

11/20/01-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION, ALCOHOL: COURTNEY

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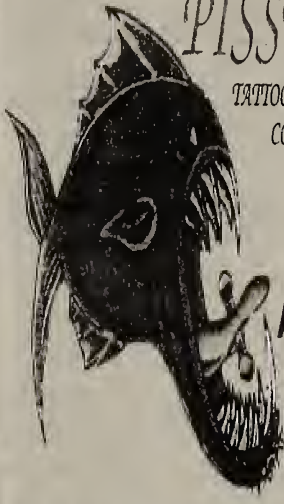

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Amid gloom, bursts of hiring

CARRIE JOHNSON
WASHINGTON POST

By the end of October, well over 7 million Americans had joined the ranks of the jobless.

The hiring outlook for early next year may not be much brighter. A recent survey of 16,000 businesses by the Milwaukee recruiting firm Manpower Inc. found that 16 percent plan to slash their workforces during the first quarter of 2002.

But wait: Smack in the middle of this hazy employment landscape are American businesses that say they will hire hundreds, if not thousands, of workers over the next several months. Indeed, 16 percent of those 16,000 businesses told Manpower they expect to add new jobs by April.

Fueled by demand for such random things as bomb-detection machines, home-refinancing requests, gas masks and security services, employees who fit into these pockets of job growth will reap the benefits of government attempts to right the economy or defend the nation against terrorist threats.

``It was like a switch being turned off in the one area and on in the other," said John Challenger, founder of the job-placement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas in Chicago.

In the private sector as well, unexpected bursts of job creation have appeared, though how long the spike in demand will last remains unclear.

Consider InVision Technologies Inc., which makes bomb-detection machines used in many U.S. and international airports. The Newark, Calif., firm has already cleared out extra space in its factory and altered its assembly process so that it can roll out machines more quickly.

Ross Mulholland, the company's chief financial officer, said the firm is looking for at least 200 employees and as many as 300 to help with the manufacturing process. Pay ranges from $13 to $20 an hour on the assembly lines, but engineers who install and support the machines on site take home $45,000 to $55,000 a year. The new air safety law mandates more bomb-detection units be placed in U.S. airports by 2002 sending companies such as InVision into a frenzy of activity.

``We will be going from single shifts to multiple shifts, 24-7," Mulholland said.

For months, Americans have raced to the bank to refinance their home mortgages because of low interest rates, which dropped after changes in the bond market and multiple rate cuts by the Federal Reserve Board. At Wells Fargo's home mortgage unit, based in Des Moines, Iowa, the company is looking for about 5,000 customer-service representatives and middle managers. Entry-level pay is about $25,000. The largest operations hubs and the most likely homes for the new jobs are in California, Iowa, Maryland and Minnesota, said spokesman Dan Frahm.

For other firms, demand remains high but the supply of qualified workers has ebbed. Wackenhut Corp., which places security guards and executives at client firms, could absorb as many as 5,000 workers if it could find that many meeting its experience and background requirements. Chief Operating Officer Alan Bernstein said that in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks many of its guards are working overtime or handling longer shifts. The average security guard earns about $12 per hour, but those who are quartered in more dangerous offices, including nuclear sites, can take home far more.

At the same time, the health-care sector, which has boomed in recent times even as other sectors have stumbled, continues to starve for nurses, doctors, medical technicians and others. A Tennessee lab recently won approval to hire eight new workers in the aftermath of the anthrax mailings, but there are still not enough microbiologists, chemists and other top-level professionals to fill all of the nation's available slots, said Scott Becker of the Association for Public Health in Washington, D.C.

``It's difficult to pursue these opportunities," noted Jeffrey Joerres, Manpower's chief executive. ``I can't be a construction worker one day and a nurse tomorrow."

Longtime students of the U.S. labor market said the current employment blips are unusual. Academic Peter Cappelli said the situation reminded him of the oil shocks of the late 1970s, when demand for coal workers rose unexpectedly.

``Do we see this kind of stuff typically in a downturn? No," said Cappelli, a professor and director of the Center for Human Resources at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. ``They don't have anything to do generally with the ups and downs of the business cycle. It's usually the result of a large outside shock to the system."

Look no further than Mine Safety Appliances North America, an equipment manufacturer based in Pittsburgh, for one of the more unusual employment spurts. MSA has ramped up production of key products, especially gas masks, since Sept. 11. The firm has placed help-wanted listings in western Pennsylvania and in the Carolinas sites of its largest plants advertising jobs for people who mold and trim rubber. MSA's largest clients are emergency workers and the military, but the firm is considering a rollout of a new line of gas masks for consumers, said Ben DeMaria, the company's vice president for human resources.

``This is a significant HR (human resources) event for us," DeMaria said. ``We have to hire not just production people but also supervisors. I've heard we need from 40 to 80 percent more people, depending on the plant."

-File Photo

A few hundred miles to the south, rival gas-mask maker Scott Health & Safety has taken a markedly different approach. Jack Hankins, director of sales for the Monroe, N.C., firm, said the anthrax mailings and the terrorist attacks have stirred up order for the firm's products. But instead of hiring fresh workers, the firm has asked current employees to put in longer hours and opened up additional shifts.

``Obviously we're dealing with a soft economy here," Hankins said. ``For us to make a decision to hire new people would rest on several factors. The single biggest would be a sustained increase in business. The last thing you want to do is hire people, then have to let them go in three or six months."

Some companies are responding even more cautiously. Columbia, Md.-based Rouse Co., which owns and manages 62 shopping malls around the country, is adding security guards this holiday season at selected locations. But Rouse will use off-duty police officers rather than hiring full-time workers, said spokeswoman Nancy Tucker.

And other industries where employment would seem to be on the rise are not noticing much difference at all.

Robert Kloppenburg, a spokesman for Bayer AG, the manufacturer of the seemingly ubiquitous antibiotic Cipro, said the firm did not plan new hires in its production or sales units within the next fe months. Same with translators, said

Walter Bacak, executive directo of the American Translator Association. Bacak said there may b short-term interest in the group's 8,50 members especially those who spea Arabic, Farsi, Pashto and Urdu but h doubts that he war effort will have lasting effect on the profession.

In the insurance sector, whic expects to pay out $40 billion claims as a result of the terrori attacks, job rates are as predictable ever, according to Robert Hartwi chief economist for the Insuranc Information Institute. From 1998 2000, the industry has seen litt change in the total number of emplo ees, about 1.6 million.

``Most insurance people are ve busy," Hartwig said. ``That's sort of irony here. There are tens of thousan of claims that need to be analyzed. of this represents a watershed ev that's going to keep us busy, but doesn't mean a huge boom in hirin The demand for our products w remain fairly stable."

Terry Mizrahi, president of National Association of Soc Workers, has deeper concerns on mind. She worries that funds for soc workers will dry up as limited gove ment dollars are diverted tow homeland defense efforts.

``The demand will be the Mizrahi said. ``The question whether the jobs will follow."

Cloning hysteria

ABIGAIL TRAFFORD
WASHINGTON POST

Here's something else to worry about: Great-aunt Lizzy wanted to clone herself for Christmas. She leafed through the catalog of an unknown, tinker-toy company in Massachusetts, sent in some cells (she can't remember from where skin, calf, mouth) and ordered up her own DNA-monogrammed embryo. She planned to put the half-dozen cells in a thimble under the tree with a note: ``Now I can always be with you for Christmas dinner. . ."

President Bush immediately denounced Aunt Lizzy. ``The use of embryos to clone is wrong," he said. ``It's morally wrong." Congress was outraged. ``Ghoulish work," said one representative. And so the momentum is building among certain elves in Santa's special-interest workshop to ban all cloning research.

Such is the sorry holiday tale of bad science and worse politics.

For starters, Aunt Lizzy is delusional. She cannot have herself cloned. No one can. The science is not even close.

The announcement by a small Massachusetts company that it had created a human embryo with cloning techniques was a great publicity event, but rather misleading advertising. If anything, the experiment was a failure. Researchers at Advanced Cell Technology in Worcester could only get their cloned cells to divide to the six-cell stage. Then the cells died. It's not even clear whether the cells had a working nucleus that expressed the genetic identity of the original cell. That's why cloning a person is still fiction. As bioethicist Karen Rothenberg said: ``I think we as a society can make the distinction between six cells and a human being."

To be sure, company executives made it clear that they had no intention of creating a human being. They were trying to develop a technology that would trick cells into behaving like an embryo, in which cells rapidly multiply, producing master stem cells. These stem cells hold great promise for designing treatments for diseases ranging from diabetes to Alzheimer's.

Nevertheless, the news that one small step had been made toward human cloning provoked another outbreak of the Frankenstein syndrome. This is the fear that mad scientists are tinkering in dark basements to create monsters that will be unleashed on society. The syndrome surfaces every time an on-the-edge scientific feat is achieved the first test-tube baby, the first gene therapy experiment.

Unchecked, it leads to a predictable Canute response. Like the ancient king who shouted at the waves to stop crashing on the shore as the tide came in, politicians rail against the scientists and try to prohibit a whole tide of research.

But such a response ignores the dynamism of medical science its complexity and possibility. A moral jihad against cloning dismisses the difference between reproductive cloning making human beings and therapeutic cloning creating a supply of stem cells that theoretically could be coaxed into treatments for disease.

At this point, reproductive cloning is abhorrent to the vast majority of Americans. By all means, prohibit that. But banning all cloning research, as recommended by the House of Representatives, would be as reckless as saying anything goes.

There is broad public support for developments in science and technology. For example, more than 85 percent of Americans believe that scientific developments have improved society, according to a recent nationwide survey conducted by Virginia Commonwealth University. Yet nearly 75 percent in the same poll agree that scientific research doesn't pay enough attention to the moral values of society.

When it comes to cloning, people seem to want it both ways: ``no" to reproductive cloning on moral grounds and ``yes" to therapeutic cloning on scientific grounds. In other words, you don't want A Lizzy to clone herself, but you'd to help her control her diabetes.

The best way to achieve th twin goals is to bring clon research into the mainstream of g emment-sponsored science. T way, the public can make sure technology won't be misus Instead of shunning the whole f of cloning as rogue science, mak a priority for the National Instit of Health. Fund programs at uni sity medical centers. Create exp ethical and scientific guidelines the research. Require that result reviewed by peer scientists and public conferences in which exp ments are discussed.

``If there were federal fun the best scientists would flock t field," said Tom Murray, preside the Hastings Center, a nonpar research institute on bioethics.

``We'd have very strict rul govern the research and decide kinds of experiments could go ward."

Timeless nomadic lifestyle is in peril

Valeri Reitman
Los Angeles Times

MANDALGOVI, Mongolia- T.S. Usuhbayar's worst day came amid a ferocious blizzard early last year that pounded the desolate steppe with gale-force winds and yard-deep snow.

Usuhbayar, 25, stock of generations of nomadic herders, stayed up much of the night. While he tended his prized horses, his wife and mother looked after the sheep and goats, all desperately trying to warm the few animals they could fit into their tiny, portable home here in the Gobi desert.

But a staggering toll awaited in the white wilderness at dawn: About four dozen of the horses, two cows and at least half a dozen sheep lay still, frozen to death.

The family cried and cried. But the ``Great Zud" was unrelenting, and by the end of the long winter it had spared just 30 of the family's 200 animals.

For the last two years, a vicious cycle of summer droughts followed by winters of deep snow and heavy ice conditions known collectively here as the Zud has devastated Mongolia. Thousands have lost most or all of their livestock. Stacks of dozens, even hundreds, of frozen animals have become fixtures outside herders' homes.

And now, this vast country, one of the last remaining horse-based cultures, is hunkering down for another cruel winter. At risk: the ancient way of life of the nomadic herders, who make up half of this landlocked nation's 2.6 million people.

Last year alone, 7,400 herders lost all their livestock, while 13,000 lost half.

There is nothing more vital to Mongolia's nomadic herders than their animals. Sheep, goats, horses, and sometimes cattle and camels provide food, security and fuel: fermented mare's milk to drink, mutton to eat, wool and lucrative cashmere to sell, and dung to fuel stoves.

Under normal conditions, it is a remarkably self-sufficient life. One can travel for hours by jeep on jarring, deep-rutted dirt roads without seeing a soul. Suddenly, a shepherd tending his small flock comes into view, a tiny figure amid the open plains. A traditional felt tunic skims the tops of his sturdy black boots, a colorful orange sash circles his hips, a felt hat is perched on his head. Not far away is his ``ger" a round, one-room house resembling a quilted igloo.

-File Photo

With no landownership or fences beyond urban areas, the nomads follow their herds in search of good pasture. Although much of the country is desert, with fierce winds kicking up dust and sand, wild grasses usually manage to grow tall and mountains abound, pinched at the top as if mounded out of Play-doh.

But the animals couldn't gain enough fat in summer on withered fields to sustain them through winters of subzero temperatures, when the herds typically lose 40 percent of their body weight. Then, the Zud's heavy snowfalls and ice prevented the animals from getting to the grasses below.

It is remarkable that only about three dozen shepherds have perished, most lost in blizzards while searching for their herds. They have a seemingly innate sense of direction navigating by stars or the shape of a hill's crest.

The nomads typically pull up stakes three times a year, though they usually stay within a 25-square-mile area. Their cozy gers are relatively easy to dismantle, formed of a center beam, several poles that radiate like an umbrella's spokes and collapsible wooden lattice-work ``walls" lined with felt.

But the Zud has driven herders to pick up house as often as twice a week, searching for better pastures.

Many have migrated to other provinces putting stress not only on pastures and water sources but on social services such as boarding schools, where children spend the winters.

Last year, nearly 8,000 people in 18 provinces moved to other provinces with nearly 7 million livestock. ``They don't care about themselves; they only care about their livestock, which is why they move every three or four days," says Chimeddorj Togoo, deputy chief of the country's Emergency Commission.

The overgrazing causes erosion and depletion, and thousands of wells have fallen into disrepair in recent years. The Zud has driven many to abandon herding and move into the city to look for work. The population of the capital, Ulan Bator, swelled from half a million four years ago to at least 800,000 and, by some estimates, well over a million. Unemployment hovers near double digits, and soaring numbers of street children survive in sewers.

Here in Middle Gobi province, more than two-thirds of the 10,000 herding families face extreme poverty. By spring 2000, 35 percent of the province's 2.1 million head of livestock had perished. Less than one-third of the expected 600,000 animals were born that season. This year, an additional 4.3 percent of the province's livestock has died.

Now about 200,000 head of livestock from 10 counties farther south are munching on the grasses here as well.

The United Nations and about 80 aid groups have come to Mongolia's rescue with food, grants and loans.

World Vision taught 600 families in the province to grow vegetables. And the World Bank has provided loans for more than 500 families in Middle Gobi alone, to purchase 25,000 animals.

For Usuhbayar, the man whose family lost most of its animals, the loans are manna from heaven.

He, his wife and 3-year-old daughter live with his mother alongside his brother's ger, about a 15-minute drive from Mandalgovi.

Usuhbayar's wife, J. Bolormaa, clad in a royal-blue silk tunic, serves sweet crackers and bowls of fermented mare's milk to visitors who arrived unannounced on a recent afternoon.

Usuhbayar pulls out some Mongolian vodka and small silver shot glasses, while his wife stirs a pot of mutton soup on the stove. The winter diet: all mutton, all the time. The pungent smell seems to permeate everything, even the paper money.

For a portable house with nothing but dirt in sight, it is a remarkably comfortable setup. A small round opening at the top of the ger lets out the smoke from the stove while letting in sunlight. Above it soars an incredibly blue sky. Red rugs hang from the sides, and vinyl covers the floor. Old tin milk cans hold mare's milk and other staples. A bed lines each side of the ger. A few family pictures are stocked on a small wooden chest. The space is slightly smaller than a two-car garage.

The small door, painted bright blue, faces south, the least windy direction.

A lightbulb hangs from the ceiling, and a black-and-white television sits on a chest, powered by the family's wind-powered generator.

To qualify for the Word Bank loan, Usuhbayar had to prove he was a hard worker with access to a well. No repayments are required the first two years, and the rest is payable during the next three. All told, they'll pay back about $1,150 due in animals or cash.

His plan is not to slaughter or sell any of the ``loaned" animals, only new births. That way, he figures, they can double the herd by the end of the five-year period provided there's no Zud. ``It all depends on whether there is a natural disaster and whether we work hard," he says.

So far, so good: 20 young were born this year, all healthy. The family has stashed away enough hay for half the winter.

Rabbani, stubborn survivor, intent of maintaining power

Keith B. Richburg
Washington Post

KABUL, Afghanistan- Four decades ago, when he was a theology student at Kabul University, Burhanuddin Rabbani joined the school's growing Islamic movement. Its aim was twofold: to oppose Marxism, which was seen as un-Islamic, and to oppose Afghan King Mohammed Zahir Shah, who was blamed for the country's chronic underdevelopment.

The king and the young Islamic activist never had their showdown. Zahir Shah was overthrown in 1973 and went into exile in Rome. Soon afterward, a crackdown on the Islamic movement sent Rabbani to exile in Pakistan.

Rabbani would be the first to return, serving as president in the mid-1990s until the Taliban drove him out. Today, with the 87-year-old former king still in Rome, Rabbani again sits in Kabul's nearly empty presidential palace, the leader of the coalition that swept the Taliban from northern Afghanistan.

Afghan delegates are meeting in Germany to chart a path to peace and stability. The lives of the king and the cleric are once again intersecting, as negotiators debate whether a share of power should be granted to one or the other or neither.

The negotiators appear to favor an interim plan that would give the king a symbolic role convening a national council that would establish a transitional government. Few expect him to emerge with a leadership role; Rabbani has called restoration of the monarchy unacceptable.

Support for Rabbani's leadership also is limited, however. He's still recognized by the United Nations as Afghanistan's president, and his Northern Alliance controls most of the country, but other nations have suggested that he step aside for an interim leader who can bring together the country's warring factions.

Within the alliance, there are indications that he's being marginalized by younger, more Western-oriented leaders.

But Rabbani, a stubborn survivor with a long history of fighting in Afghanistan's internecine politics, is showing he wants to remain a key player, and he may be unwilling to go quietly.

While the Northern Alliance, formed from elements of Rabbani's ousted government, fought the Taliban, the toppled president was often overshadowed by his famed military commander, Ahmed Shah Massood. In September, however, Massood was killed by suicide bombers.

``Of course, at that time it was a military situation, and I put all the military decisions in the hands of Commander Massood and I was supporting him," Rabbani said in an interview this week. ``But now, we are in the stage of the administration and the politics and state."

Several Afghans who have known Rabbani over the years, including some of his fellow students and Islamic studies professors from Kabul University, describe a man far more canny and more interested in power than any figurehead. During the war against Soviet occupation in the 1980s, he's credited with building his Jamiat-i-Islami movement into the strongest and most multiethnic of the Afghan resistance groups. He was able to balance Islamic radicals and moderate nationalists. He surrounded himself with charismatic figures without surrendering his claim to leadership.

``I believe he wants to be the first person or nothing," said Hafiz Mansoor, an author and a top official in the alliance's Culture Ministry.

``The international community says he should give power to King Zahir. But Rabbani himself does not want that. If he has any opportunity, he will undermine the Bonn peace process."

Another who knows Rabbani well, Kabul University political science professor Faizullah Jalal, agreed: ``Rabbani does not want to leave the government. But in Bonn, everybody is pushing for his removal, and Rabbani understands people are pushing for his removal. He is looking to preserve his role."

Rabbani's public comments in Kabul often seem at odds with Northern Alliance negotiators in Bonn. According to Jalal, Rabbani's remarks are intended ``to announce to his followers that he is still in power, to suppress the propaganda that he is out, and to remind the international community that he should not be forgotten."

Those who know Rabbani agree that he'd never willingly relinquish his current position to Zahir Shah. They also say his skills as an opposition leader exceed his administrative abilities.

In 1992, after assuming the rotating Afghan presidency, Rabbani squandered his popularity by refusing to step down when his term ended. While he remained in power, other Afghan factions battled the government, reducing much of Kabul to rubble and killing thousands.

``He was president of Afghanistan for what was supposed to be a transitional government," said Khalilullah, a professor of Islamic theology who knew Rabbani as a teacher and as an activist leader. ``But all the time, he was extending his government without respecting the will of the people."

When he returned to the capital Nov. 17, Rabbani tried to allay fears that he would again attempt to prolong his hold on power by stating flatly: ``We have not come to Kabul to extend our government. We came to Kabul for peace."

However, Khalilullah said Rabbani ``wants to extend his government. But the problem is the people do not want him. The peace initiatives are all talking about Zahir Shah coming back."

The Cut

The man nervously re-enters the doctor's office following a potentially life-saving operation on his wife. "I've got good news and bad," says the doctor (as all the best ones do). "The bad news is that although the operation was a success, your wife will never be able to care for herself again. You'll need to feed, dress, bathe her, clean up after her, and she'll need bladder control undergarments for the rest of her life." Reeling, the man asks what the good news is. "The good news," says the doc, "is that I'm just kidding about all that, she actually died."

CHRIS WARD

This week I'm dissin the worst kind of head-all-bony pontificating, on-campus-only crusading, spare-posterboard-in-the-trunk variety of the species to which I'll now go off on...hey I missed you guys last week...okay it's on...

"You are admonished to conduct yourself as a responsible member of the campus community in the future," San Diego State's J-board warned. That's precisely what some would say that Zewdalem Kebede was doing on September 22nd when, in the campus library, he reprimanded fellow students celebrating the mass-murder of more than 5,000 people. He approached and, in Arabic, objected to a group of Saudi Arabian students praising the attacks on America. He was subsequently charged by the university with harassment. No charges were filed against the Saudi Arabian students. The local community rallied to support Kebede, a recent immigrant from Ethiopia, and raised money toward his education.

There are ideas being expressed in the classrooms of this campus, as well as the larger schools, and attitudes that I consider unamerican and unappreciative. The right to express those opinions, however, I vigorously support and defend.

As the stars and stripes fly proudly all over America, many colleges are banning the American flag and other patriotic symbols deemed to be "offensive." Marquette, Lehigh, Arizona State, Central Michigan, and Texas A&M are among the campuses where flag controversies have erupted.

Officials at Arizona State forced the removal of the Flag from the Sahuaro dining hall. When the student senate pushed for a bill to reinstate the Flag, it was voted down. Only after thousands of calls, e-mails all over Arizona, all over the country, alumni everywhere threatening to stop donating a combined total of near $1,000,000 in alumni contributions, was the flag finally rehung. ASU bought radio ads apologizing for the ban to help repair their reputation.

Activism was also responsible for reinstating the flag's display at Texas A&M University, where the Residence Hall Association barred students from displaying the American flag outside their dorm windows, and Marquette University, which blocked students from holding a moment of silence around the American flag. The Student Government Association of Central Michigan University passed a resolution condemning the forced removal of patriotic displays from dorm room doors by Residence Staff.

ADHD Moment: If Bush imposes martial law, I say that he should appoint Richard Dawson the anchor on a 24 hour FED/CNN approved news channel. Viewership not an option. News tickers on the Spice channel. Soylent green is people.

Here at Westfield State things like that generally don't happen...except for prejudicially removing sidewalk chalk in the shape of a pink triangle last year... (Westfield Straight College?) There are ideas being expressed in the classrooms of this campus, as well as the larger schools, and attitudes which I consider unamerican and unappreciative. The right to express those opinions, however, I vigorously support and defend. Those in the armed forces today pay for your freedom to serve nothing beyond yourself.

I suggest you listen to all of these ideas now, the professors are correct to warn that you won't get them out there. They aren't very popular even in the communities of people that surround college campuses, brimming with better mousetraps but afraid to catch a mouse. In most cases I've read, average people became motivated and organized against them. The amusing thing is that left-wing professors and administrators have finally inspired some students to activism (the sixties live again!), if only against themselves. Instead of carrying signs, we're waving flags.

Ang, the sketch door is open...

Peace and Balance.

C. Ward is a Voice columnist

Kevin's Korner

The semester is winding down and it has been one few of us will soon forget. Our lives have been changed, and it is anyone's guess how long "America's New War," as CNN has called it, will continue. President Bush is planning on spreading the war to seven other countries. This is likely to increase civilian casualties, as well as the likelihood of another terrorist attack. Unless cooler heads prevail, this could turn into a long, drawn out war.

KEVIN HEATON

I'd like to thank Ms. Jill Lueb for her letter, last week, regarding my column. I have been trying to provide an alternative viewpoint to this whole mess. I realize there are no easy answers, and welcome anyone's opinion. Hopefully, we can all benefit from hearing each other's opinion.

I'd also like to congratulate Paul Devine for his speech to the Student Government Association, last week. Our school needs to re-think its priorities dealing with handicapped accessibility, and several other areas. Barry Maloney, who works with President Woodward, recently visited one of my classes. He informed us that the new field house cost the school FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS! Give me a break! ! What else could they have spent that on? You decide!

Over the vacation would be a great time to contribute to a local charity. While you're sitting in the comfort of your living room, it might be nice to think of those who are less fortunate. This would be a nice diversion from the current crisis.

Also, what better time to read up on current events? If more people were aware, and acted on the Bush administration's trampling of civil liberties, Congress might think twice before giving him a green light. President Bush should not be allowed to hold hundreds without trial, or have military tribunals for people who aren't citizens. This, in effect, gives the terrorists what they want. Our soldiers should not have to fight and die for freedoms that are being eroded.

Well, on that note, good luck to everyone on their finals. Congratulations to everyone who's graduating!

K. Heaton is a Voice columnist

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Nose Knows...maybe

KRISTINA MARTINELLI

I know that most people have heard enough about the happenings on September 11, but I don't think that you can stress certain things enough. On Veterans Day, I marched in a parade in Boston. We marched right by the state house. You would think that there would be a great response to the parade, especially since lately more and more people are showing support for soldiers, and the number of flags that you see flown everywhere.

In fact, there was quite the opposite. I saw very few people in attendance at the parade. I maybe saw a couple hundred people in total on the sides of the road throughout the course of the route. There was much applause from the people on the streets as well as people yelling things like, "Thank You Soldiers!" I found this to be comforting.

What I found disturbing was the lack of attendance at the parade. I can understand that people around the country are more afraid to attend large events, but it shouldn't stop you from living your life. I am aware that some people are still afraid. I wonder how. I certainly am not.

There have been many lay-offs as a result of the terrorism in this country; this should not be the case. People should be living their lives as they were, maybe with more concern for others and with more knowledge of what is going on in the world today.

I have heard on the news recently that the Democrats aren't showing a lot of support for the president these days. I also understand that the Republicans won't pass certain things that the Democrats propose. Why, in this day in age, is there this type of conflict? Everybody basically wants the same thing for everyone, a good fair life. Why, today, is it so hard for people to reach an answer?

The Democrats are basically hoping for a recession, while they should be showing support for the president of this country. You know the saying, "Rally Around the Flag?" There are a lot of people who approve of the way that President Bush is dealing with the problem and that's the way it should be. He has a lot of very capable people under him who are advising him and the way he has handled everything so far is better than I could ever do.

There is a 90% approval rating right now for President Bush and the way he is dealing with everything. I think that he has kept his composure very well too. At the beginning of this whole ordeal, when be was caught offguard by the news members, he may have not sounded very well spoken, but he's human. How do you think you would sound if you had this major event occur at the beginning of your presidency?

I hope that everyone, even are the ones that are impressed with the way we have dealt with the crities who were basically going back to the phrase "Make Love Not War" are as impressed with the way we have dealt with everything as I am. I also hope that the new found patriotism that this country has found will last. To everyone who is not satisfied as of late, I want to know what your solution would be. There was a lot of talk about how war is not the way to go and that peace should be the way. There was a lot of protest, but how many other solutions were offered? When I would listen to people ask this question on the radio, there was no answer, just an argument against war.

Please, in this day in age, let's not fight over whether or not we have the right person in office, or whether or not some of the ways he is dealing with this crisis is right or not. Let us please just show him, and everyone in office with him support and let us continue the patriotism that we have displayed so heavily.

K. Martinelli is a Voice columnist

Breast Cancer Awarness

What you are about to read is important information that could help many women with the prevention of breast cancer. Our group from the Women's Studies Class, "Women in Modern Organizations: Environmental Activism," has come across some surprising information that we would like to share with you. Included is information about nutrition, chemical hazards, geographic location, and radiation exposure; and how these factors may affect a woman's risk of breast cancer.

Nutrition plays a large role in the fight against breast cancer. Positive changes in dietary habits can significantly reduce a woman's risk level. The American Institute for Cancer Research has published guidelines on this topic. They include eating foods mostly from plant sources, being physically active, limiting consumption of alcoholic beverages, and limiting intake of foods high in fat. According to scientist Jane Plant's book, "Your Life in Your Hands," limiting her dairy intake has helped her to be cancer free for seven years. After five recurrences of the disease, the cancer disappeared following five weeks of a dairy free lifestyle.

Other environmental factors that contribute to the likelihood of breast cancer are chemical hazards such as pesticides including DDT and triazines. According to a recent report published by the National Breast Cancer Coalition, though banned by the United States government, these chemicals are still in use worldwide. They bioaccumulate in the food chain and persist in the environment. "Almost everyone is exposed to these chemicals," states the October 2001 report. "This is primarily through the consumption of fish, dairy products, and meat." As a result, these chemicals can be found in human breast milk, adipose tissue, and blood.

Geographic location is another environmental risk factor of breast cancer. There are three geographic hot spots for breast cancer: San Francisco, the Great Lakes region, and New York. There is such a high rate of breast cancer in women who live in the Long Island area of New York that numerous studies have been done in that region. Women who have lived in the Long Island area for forty or more years are four times more likely to develop breast cancer than women who have lived there less than ten years. The risk of radiation exposure may also depend on geographic location since the ozone is depleting over certain areas.

For more information oo breast cancer and the environment visit: www.breastcancer-about.com, www.voicesofwomen.com, www.more.abcnews.co.com, or www.natlbcc.org.

Members of Women in Modern Organizations Class

Life (according to me).

JON SEWELL

Last week, I talked about how the idea of superheroes is pretty much dead, and that children these days have no shining examples like Superman to look to. They're forced to look elsewhere for heroes, and many will look to us. I don't know about anyone else, but I find the idea both exhilarating and terrifying. Every time I look at my niece, now almost three years old, I want nothing more than to teach her how to survive this crazy world unscathed. I want to protect her. I want to be her hero. But, what do I know about being a hero?

Well, to answer that, I looked at those I still consider my heroes today, very real people that have had an impact on my life, simply by living their lives in a way they thought was right. And I realized that all held five or six common traits close to them. And these are them.

First up is honesty. Now, honestly goes way beyond not cheating on tests and turning in lost wallets and all that. It's also about being honest with yourself. It's about taking the time to do some of that dreaded inner reflection stuff, and making an honest appraisal of your character. Do your actions really reflect the person you see yourself to be? Do you consider yourself a good friend, but then gossip about them with others? Oh, and don't let any of that rationalization garbage get in the way, either (I'm allowed to say that, see, because rationalizing is like a forte of mine...). What you find may be disappointing, but if you can't be honest with yourself now, then the rest of this is pretty much pointless.

Okay, so you've taken a hard look at yourself. Maybe you've recognized a few traits that don't really mesh with your self image. Now comes the hard part: changing. Trust me, I know it's harder than it sounds. It takes courage. Which, of course, is the second common trait to all heroes.

Courage, like honesty, takes many forms. The policemen and firefighters from New York showed courage by risking, and in far too many cases, losing their lives to try to save others. The same kind of heroism can be seen every day in cities and towns across the world. But how about our non-heralded heroes? How about minority students that face discrimination day in and day out, yet hold their heads high in spite of it all? This is surely more courageous than anything I've ever done.

Finally, it takes courage to admit that you are wrong, and do what you can to fix the problem. Sometimes it's as simple as apologizing. Sometimes it takes more. But the truly courageous person will always admit their mistakes, and try to set things right. There are few traits I admire more than this, and it's the first step in becoming a better rounded, more dynamic person.

All right, now that we've dissected ourselves a bit, it ought to be pretty obvious that, despite what we may like to pretend, we're not perfect. We're far from it. So maybe, just maybe, we can learn to accept that sometimes others won't seem perfect either. Forgiveness and compassion have always been two of the most important traits of any hero, and they should be important to us as well. All of us could live our lives as an example to others, simply by living compassionately.

Finally, one trait that all my heroes possess is toughness. Yeah, yeah, I know what your thinking. Most people have very negative feelings about "tough," thinking of big meatheads whose areas of expertise are limited to boozin', cussin', spittin' and fightin' (a few could add scratchin' to the list too, I suppose). I assure you, though, these jokers aren't tough. That kind of behavior is a mockery of toughness. Real toughness, as I see it, is simply striving to be as physically, intellectually, and emotionally capable as possible.

This means that you are always looking to improve yourself in all areas, so that you're as prepared as can be for whatever life throws at you. It means that working out can be as important as studying, that knowing who Byron and Spenser are is as important as knowing who won last year's batting title, and that knowing how to box is as good as knowing Freudian theory. By the way, in case you're one of those academic types that scoff at athletes, you're being as close-minded as a jock who thinks reading is for losers. It's all about balance.

Maybe you have a younger brother or sister. Or maybe a niece or nephew, or even a son or daughter. Maybe it's a kid in your neighborhood. But it's fair to say that someone, either now or later, is going to look to you as a guide for how to live. These are just my thoughts, and you're gonna need to figure out the rest. After all, *you're* the hero...

God bless, have a great break, and see you next semester.

J. Sewell is a Voice columnist

ASK HOOTZ?

Q: In response to the advice you gave 'Shy Guy,'Could you please elaborate in your responses to the pressing questions of the day? I'm a commuter who feels alienated from the campus community. I could use some advice on how to stimulate conversation with women. What I'm doing (attempts at small talk or humorous observations) isn't working. The women on campus seem aloof-often not even making eye contact in passing! I'm not hideously disfigured or fat, I'm friendly and shower daily. What am I doing wrong? Do others feel the same?

Sincerely, Looking for Love

A: Making attempts at small talk or humorous observations is not enough and is definitely not clear to the other person you're talking to. If everyone who liked each other only made small talk to get the other one interested - this world would predominantly be attracted to one another. If you want to attract someone to you, ask them if they would ever want to just hang out sometime and by the person's response, you'll know if the next step is to give her your number. I mean, come on, even if the other person is not attracted to you, it is flattering to anyone that gets asks out on a date.

Women who walk without making eye contact could mean one of two things. She could be way too confident thinking she's the sh*#! or she is extremely shy. Some people are blinded by what surrounds them. You should definitely talk to her though! You are missing out by being shy and attempting to make eye contact. You can't assume a girl can read your mind that you want her. You need to take action!

Uncle Vanya dark, sarcastic, comical, and full of talent

BY ALISON CLOSE
VOICE REPORTER

If you're looking for some talent at Westfield State College, it was definitely apparent last week at The Ely Studio Theatre as students performed Anton Chekhov's "Uncle Vanya."

From December 5-8, students performed a dark yet sometimes sarcastic and comical play about love, philosophy and life.

Jack Shea directed the performance of "Uncle Vanya" with Michael Sakey as the assistant director. Christopher R. Slaughter designed scenery and sound and Julie Leavitt did costume and lighting designs. Rosalie Dialessi constructed the costumes for Uncle Vanya.

Chekhov's play is about the unhappy trials and tribulations of love and family during the summer and the fall of 1899 in the Russian Ukraine. A retired university professor by the name of Alexander, played by Gregory Holland, moves with his young second wife, Yelena, performed by Carrie Marie Janik, to the estate of his first wife, who passed away.

Sound complicated yet? Well, the deceased first wife's family still lives on the estate and are not very pleased to have the professor and his new wife move in. Sonya, the professor's daughter from his first marriage, performed by Elizabeth Marshall, acts as the mediator of the family. Sonya's Uncle Vanya, who is the first wife's brother and played by Colin C. Kiley, is certainly not thrilled with the professor moving in and taking over the estate. Vanya's mother, Maria, played by Jessica Leibovitz, seems to be the only one who welcomes the professor. This causes quite a rift between her and her son, Vanya.

Outside of the family characters, the family's old nurse and nanny is played by Julia L. Santabarbara. Yefim, a hired workman for the estate played by Atom Marotte, and Waffles, a poor and homely landowner also living on the estate played by Justin Lott, add some comedy to this otherwise dark tale.

The country doctor of the play, Mikhail, is played by Steven Camara and adds several complications to the already twisted family problems.

The plot begins after the professor and his wife move in. Most of the characters show distaste for the old professor, tired of his bitterness and hatred for his own old age. The young wife is tired of taking care of such a mean old man. The rest of the family is tired of being forced to change their ways to accommodate him. The doctor despises the sick professor for being so inconsiderate and rude when it comes to the doctor's advice.

What complicates the story even further is love. This young second wife is very beautiful and both Uncle Vanya and the doctor fall for her. This love for Yelena only deepens their hatred for the old professor. To make matters worse, the professor's daughter Sonya has fallen in love with the doctor, who is infatuated with the young wife.

Both Vanya and the doctor ease their broken hearts with alcohol, which only makes family matters worse. Conflicts between Vanya and his mother increase because of his growing hatred for her beloved son-in-law (the professor) combined with his growing use of alcohol.

Vanya begins to pity himself for not having met and married Yelena before the professor. Actually, almost all the characters feel cheated and pity themselves in one way or another.

During the second act, Yelena agrees to talk to the doctor and attempts to convince him to marry Sonya. Of course this wouldn't go smoothly, however, as she realizes that she is in love with the doctor. Briefly acting on these feelings, the two kiss as Vanya walks into the room and witnesses the fact.

The sight seems to bring Vanya to the brink of madness. During a family meeting, the professor reveals his plans to sell the estate for money and move him and his wife back into the city. The plan goes over terribly with the rest of the family and Sonya begs him to be charitable. He agrees not to sell the home but Vanya has been pushed too far. He attempts twice to shoot and kill the professor and fails both times.

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

The cast of Uncle Vanya performing in Ely theatre lastweek.

After this surprising climax, the professor and his wife leave the house immediately. The young wife, Yelena, says a tearful goodbye to the man she truly loves and turns her back on him to face her obligations to her older husband. The rest of the cast returns to the way of life before the couple intruded. But every one seems scarred and somehow permanently damaged from the occurrence.

While the play predominantly had a dark theme and focused on the tragedies of love, life and family, it was extremely well done and very moving. Each and every character brought extreme talent and emotion.

The characters Yefim and Waffles lighten the otherwise dark mood with their innocent humor. Sonya refreshes the scene with her realism and ability to hold back her sorrowful emotions. Both Vanya and the doctor are enjoyable to watch as they maintain their competitive yet brotherly relationship.

The play addresses such complicated issues that leave the audience truly interested in what will happen next. The climax is certainly surprising as well. All in all, this play is one in which you enjoy, dislike and pity the characters all at the same time. With so many emotions brought out by these characters, one can only say "Bravo" to such a job well done!

This is the end

JEFFREY J. MUZZY

The title of this article comes from a Doors song titled "The End." I had been thinking about what I was going to write for the final perspective of the semester. So I found myself with the song running in my head. The song turns up as the final track on the two CD greatest hits collection, considering the fate of Jim Morrison, I'm sure that it was no accident that this track ends the collection. This thought now makes me wonder what will become from this day forth?

My initial interest in writing for the paper was simply to see if I had any sense of writing skills, and two, could I continue it on a weekly basis. To be honest, I really wasn't sure what was going to land on the page until just before I wrote it. I'm not exactly sure if that's a good thing, to write an article on the spot without an idea to begin with. Just write exactly what comes to mind and see where the article goes. I'd have to say, that other than some last minute typing, it's been pretty successful, course I really have no idea as to what people even think of the articles.

So now with this being the last article, my next question is, "Is this the last article." I think on the whole I've tested the waters, even though none of the material I've submitted has been anything earth shattering and news worthy, the point of what I was attempting to do at least gave me an idea where I stand.

I have a feeling that this semester brings to an end a lot of things for people. One semester ends, always followed by the beginning of another, the same as the end of football season, and eventually followed by another. Even relationships end, tearing and bitter sometimes, but again, new ones will start again. Now I'm not comparing writing for a college paper anything near what happens to relationships or sporting seasons, however, what I do feel is that no matter what it is, each person commits a certain amount of time, effort and something of themselves into their work.

Every Tuesday aside from holidays, on top of college work, employment work and whatever commitments these people have, there are people on the staff that take the time out of their busy schedule, their regular lives, and make this paper a part of their lives to pot something in writing to share with the poblic to read. This paper is not only a part of the campus, but there is an entire staff behind this paper that makes it a part of their personal lives. Though I'm not sure who takes the time to read my articles, I do know that from front to back there are numerous works that someone took the time to write that are worth your time.

This end of the semester marks the end for many, some will return next semester to continue their work, and others may not, but while they were here they've left a part of themselves in black and white for the campus to learn and enjoy. I understand, or at least have a glimpse into what these people have done for the entire semester, and the semester before, then try to add on top of that, issues that affect the campus, be it politics, money and nation coverage of the war. Now I haven't touched anything close to these topics, others have, so while some grab the paper for the comics, or the sporting events, and others to line the cages for their birds, try to remember that some people are proud of what they have contributed and left behind to this campus.

So now, two weeks left, finals in full assault, no games, no theater performance and no papers left, just a nose to the grind push to get those reports and papers and crunching material into our gray matter to pass those exams. The dusk has fallen onto another semester. Try to remember what's been left behind. Everything you've done to this point is a footprint for the guy behind you to follow. From my perspective, it's been a good fall.

Top 6 Things to do to Celebrate the End of Finals

6. Throw confetti at your teacher. Not only would it be fun, but you can also find a use for all of those useless handouts he or she gave you during the semester.

5. Have a keg party. NO, wait you shouldn't do that. (I wouldn't want to be giving inappropriate ideas to such innocent students).

4. Throw away all of your cheat sheets before Res. Life finds them when snooping through your stuff over Winter Break. (Come on, we all knew that they don't only look for health and safety violations)

3. Say screw it to Ramen noodles, splurge and get a pizza. [illegible]

2. Burn your books. Considering the bookstore will only give you $4.87 for that book you bought for $98, you might as well have some fun instead.

1. Run around campus naked. Come on it'll be fun! Not only for you, but also for all of the horny spectators.

THE LIBRARY WALK

EVERYONE WILL DIE SOONER THAN LATER.
BECAUSE EVERYONE THINKS
WE WILL LIVE FOREVER.
BUT ONLY THE RIVER KNOWS
WHICH WAY THIS LIFE WILL FLOW.
AND WHEN WE WILL GO.
AND WHAT WE WILL KNOW.
SO, GIVE ME A PADDLE AND I
WILL STROKE WITH MIGHT.
DOWN THIS ENDLESS RIVER,
TO SEE THIS LIGHT.

-ANONYMOUS

WSKB Weekly Spotlight

Adam Belson, Kelly Clarke, and Gino Gangai

JEN DION
A&E EDITOR

Sick of hearing the same old stuff on the radio? If so, tune into 89.5 fm for Two guys, a Girl, and a Radio Show every Friday afternoon from noon to two p.m.

The show is hosted by Kelly Clarke, a junior Communications major, Gino Gangai and Adam Belson, who are both sophomore Communication majors. This is the first semester on the air for all three.

You're sure to hear a wide variety of music on their show, including everything from hard rock to modern twang.

"We'll play pretty much anything," Belson said. "Well, anything but rap or mainstream country."

Clarke, Belson and Gangai regularly play bands such as Minibar, Bob's Day Off, Clarias, Fatboy, and Downer. They'll occasionally throw in a track by an established band or a classic rock tune.

Gangai decided to be a DJ because it was related to his major and be thought it sounded like fun. Like Gangai, Clarke wanted practical experience in the field of Communication, but was disappointed that there were no radio classes in the department. Belson has been involved in TV for four years, and wanted to experience another aspect of mass communication.

Two Guys, a Girl, and a Radio Show includes fun little diversions such as Stuff With Adam, which Gangai describes as "all kinds of stuff that you just need to know."

"Adam will go off on stuff like the fact that California actually issued nine licenses to men named Jesus Christ," explains Clarke.

When they aren't playing music at the archaic WSKB production studio, both Clarke and Belson like to play guitar, work on the Night Owl television show, and enjoy photography. Gangai also works on the Night Owl, and is a big fan of both NASCAR racing and Godsmack.

For all their love of good ol' WSKB, Clarke wishes that there were more female performers on the studio's CD racks.

"I'm always trying to find some more girl stuff to play. We need to get some more female bands up there. Some girl punk would be great!" she said.

So tune in to WSKB, 89.5 fm, way on the left side of the dial on Friday's at noon to catch the trio's show.

Coffeehouse

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the coffeehouse's benefit and his own performance. "I think that it is a good cause to help out the kids. Although I don't think I played as well as I should have. I could have done a lot better."

The lounge was packed as usual during the Elements Crew performance, which got the room standing and clapping. The breakdancing performance has always been one of the popular events of the coffeehouse, and continues to attract a lot of students to the event.

Former members of Oregon Underground returned to the coffeehouse after a long absence. The members are senior Jason Renslow on vocals and guitar, senior Martin Lee on bongo drums. The third former member, WSC alumni Shaun Davis, went on stage with his former bandmates to show support. Oregon Underground performed some old and some new songs.

Renslow said it was great to be playing a coffeehouse again. "It feels really good to perform in front of people again. I love events like the coffeehouse because they bring such a positive atmosphere to our school." Sophomore Erica May entertained the crowd with her guitar playing and singing of her own songs, as well as a cover of Alicia Keys' "Loving You is Easy".

Quit to Win was the second to last performance of the night. Somewhat new to the coffeehouse, Quit to Win is senior DJ Renzi on vocals, formerly of Lloyds Hill, junior Joe DeChristopher on bass, Jim Corbut on drums, and Rick Conlin on guitar. They performed a few of their own songs as well as a cover of Weezer's "My Name is Jonas."

Renzi commented on their overall performance. "This was our first show. We had a lot of fun. The guys played awesome. I just wish more people would have stayed for our performance, but we had fun anyways."

Junior Ken McElroy was the last performer of the night entertaining the audience with his cover of Adam Sandler's "Hanukkah Song" and a song of his own. Mc Elroy gave his opinion of his performance. "I think I did good. I had some fun."

"I wish we could have raised more money, but we raised some, which is good" said Vice President of Programming Angela LaPierre on the benefit. "I think that despite the scheduling conflict, the coffeehouse went quite well. The acts understood what had happened and were understanding. I wish there could have been a bit more holiday spirit, but it's crunch time for finals. Overall everything went quite smoothly and we ended with a bang."

Brooklyn to Queens

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

DJ Renzi's new band Quit to Win premiered at last week's coffeehouse.

The Three

CHRIS PINEO

The Three is a story written by student Chris Pineo. Each week a new chapter appears in the Campus Voice.

"How are you Derrek?" I asked in an attempt to spare myself some measure of his wrath. His dark eyes saw clear through my feeble attempt, as be responded, "Not good." He was a seething din of reprimand as he tore into me like hyenas on a fresh kill. I was quite aware that I hadn't turned in a story for some time. He was not shy about reminding me of this fact, and when he moved on to the issue of the smashed phone I could feel myself teetering on the edge of unemployment. His most offensive comment to me was that I should take Friday off. One thing became clear. I had to give the editor something for today at least.

Upon the ending of his tirade be stood and walked off rather abruptly. I whipped up a quick story on Senator Iditarod and his business failures. My hands were really tied at this point. I couldn't include anything on the three since most of what I had was based on conjecture, although I did mention the alleged candidacy of General Krieger. All things said it was a damn good piece, six hundred words in under a half hour.

I didn't have time to pat myself on the back because my deadline was so close. I had gotten by a few days without a story because the editors were usually lenient and I always do good work. I got the story in and went home.

I entered my apartment to the familiar tune of the phone attempting to launch itself from the hanger. I. picked up and was engaged in a brisk conversation.

"Adam, this is Mercury."

"Oh hi. Um... You are aware that my name isn't Ad..."

"It is for now. You are the first to eat from the tree of knowledge."

"Good use of metaphor. I'm impressed."

"Quiet, listen. You are not to come clean on the three and their activities until such a time where all the facts make sense. I will not contact you again, so you have to start making connections on your own."

"You are aware that I am essentially in their employ. They own the paper I work at. I can't do this alone. With them as the gatekeepers none of what I've learned can get published."

"That's true but only to a certain degree. You can't come clean just yet, that may require an alternate method of publication, but you can turn public attention to them."

"How can I do that without exposing them?"

"You will monitor the companies separately, but discreetly. You will make no direct mention of their names or any of their direct activities."

"What!?"

"You will discover more political connections outside of the organizations. Some will be even more influential and powerful than Krieger. Cover these people."

"More powerful than a four star General? How?"

"You're the reporter. Dig. Get the facts. The truth will draw you in, and at the point where you are imprisoned by it, it will set you free in a way unlike anything your imagination can conceive."

"I need more than that, I can't face this by mysel..."

The phone went dead.

Tune in next semester for the new installment of The Three.

WSKB DJ meeting Dec. 10th at 7:30 PM in Ely Lower Lounge!

Special Senior Section

Senior pictures will be taken December 13 and 14 in the Tekoa Yearbook office, located downstairs in Ely next to the Third World Room. Cost is $10 at time of sitting. Cash or check is acceptable. Call Student Government at x5429 for an appointment.

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Senior Pledge sheets are being mailed next week to on campus residents and to commuters permanent addresses. The pledge is designed for seniors to give $125 back to the school over a five year span to give back at the reunion. The pledge does not commit you to giving back. It just states that you're interested.

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Senior Week packets are going on sale next week. Holiday specials will be mailed home for an extra $25 off! The sale ends Jan. 1, so tell your parents or guardian that a Senior Week packet would be perfect for the holidays!
[Senior Week Packet special is $100 until Jan. 1 when the price will increase to $125. Tix for senior week will be available until April 19. Buy your tix now! Save!]

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The next Senior Night is Dec. 14, 7-10 p.m. in Ely 3rd World Room. Tix are on sale at the Teller Window. Cost is $3 with a valid student ID. Students must be 21+ and ID's will be checked at the door. Music by DJ Wes, munchies and alcohol service will be provided. Don't miss out on the fun!

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Monday - Thursday: 12a.m. - 2a.m.
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Saturday - 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday - 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. / 12 a.m. - 2 a.m.

Upcoming IM Sports

Start organizing your teams now for next semester.

Indoor Soccer (M&W)
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Candlepin Bowling (M&W)

Rosters Due by January 24, 2002

CoEd Wallyball
Racquetball Singles League
Water basketball (M&W)

Rosters Due by January 30, 2002

Zamora Named New England Player of Year

By Mickey Curtis, SID

Josue Zamora - the leader of Westfield State's nationally-ranked defense that vaulted the Owls to their best football season ever - has been selected the recipient of two highly prestigious New England Player of the Year awards.

Zamora will receive the Gold Helmet Award as the Division II/III Player of the Year by the New England Writers Association. He is the first defensive player to claim the annual Gold Helmet since 1994 when Williams' Bobby Walker achieved the rare feat.

Also, Zamora will receive the "Joe Zabilski" Award as the New England Division II/III Defensive Player of the Year by the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston. Members of the club, formed in 1939, are astute followers of football.

"The people on these committees are former players, coaches and athletic directors and they know what they are talking about," said Ned Cully, club historian. "They talk to each other and research the best players are all season long. If Josue Zamora was picked for this honor he certainly deserves it."

Zamora - also the unanimous selection as Defensive Player of the Year in the 13-team New England Football Conference - led the Owls with 113 tackles in 10 games, including two sacks and 12 tackles for losses. The middle linebacker from Hartford, Conn., (Weaver High School) intercepted three passes and blocked four kicks. In Westfield's thrilling 34-30 victory over Worcester State in a late-season showdown of unbeaten teams, Zamora blocked two punts and an extra point attempt.

"He certainly deserves the honors; he's an extremely talented player," said Westfield State head coach Steve Marino. "He has great quickness and great instincts. I know it's a cliché, but he is just one of those kids who has a nose for the ball; he gets to the ball carrier."

With Zamora the catalyst, the Westfield defense finished the season ranked first nationally in Division III in total defense, allowing an average of 188 yards per game. The Owls were ranked second in passing defense, eighth in both scoring defense (11.0) and rushing defense (74.4) , and 10th in turnover margin (plus 16).

Westfield State posted its first New England Football Conference championship and its first perfect regular season (10-0) before losing to Western Connecticut, 8-7, in its first NCAA Tournament appearance.

"To be honest, all the coaches on the other teams wanted to talk about was No. 6 (Zamora)," Marino said. "He's the player who stood out when they watched film. And what's really amazing is that he hadn't played football in about four years until this season."

Zamora - a transfer from the University of Connecticut - was a standout catcher for the Westfield State baseball team for the past two seasons. At the present time, he plans to play baseball in the spring and graduate in May.

Zamora will be teamed up with some other outstanding athletes when he hits the banquet circuit. Carl Morris, the standout wide receiver for Harvard University, was the Gold Helmet Division I Player of the Year. The New England writers banquet is scheduled for Dec. 6 in Randolph, Mass.

The Gridiron Club of Greater Boston's Offensive Player of the Year is Williams College quarterback Joseph Reardon. The club's Division I Players of the Year are Harvard quarterback Neil Rose and Boston College linebacker Scott Bradley. The club's banquet is scheduled for Jan. 4 in Saugus, Mass., with New England England Patriot Hall of Famer John Hannah as guest speaker.

Josue Zamora

Marino Selected Northeast Region Coach Of Year

Westfield State's success on the football field has not gone unnoticed by Steve Marino's coaching colleagues, as it was announced this week that Marino will receive two more major coaching awards to add to the already growing list of honors for him and his 2001 championship football squad.

Marino, who led the Owls to a perfect 10-0 regular season record after going 3-6 in 2000, was named the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Region I Coach of the Year for Division III colleges. Region I includes New England , New Jersey and New York.

"What makes this award special is that this is the only coach of the year award voted exclusively by the coaches themselves," said AFCA executive director Grant Teaff. "The winners are selected by the coaches they compete with and against on a daily basis."

The AFCA recognizes five regional Coach of the Year winners in each of the Association's four divisions: I-A, I-AA, Division II, and Division III. The 20 honorees will receive their awards at the AFCA national convention in San Antonio on Jan. 8. Division I region winners include Harvard's Tim Murphy, Nebraska's Frank Solich and Florida's Steve Spurrier.

"I am both honored and humbled to receive this award," said Marino. "I truly consider this a team award. My players and coaching staff are the ones who made this possible."

The Owls posted the first perfect regular season in the program's 20-year history, and also captured their first New England Football Conference championship and landed their first NCAA Tournament berth.

In addition, it was announced this week that Marino will receive another New England-based award. The Gridiron Club of Greater Boston has named Marino as its New England Division II/III Coach of the Year. He will receive the award on Jan. 4, where he will be joined at the head table by Westfield State linebacker Josue Zamora, who was named the club's Defensive Player of the Year.

Last week, Marino was named the New England Football Writers Division II/III Coach of the Year, and he was the unanimous selection as Coach of the Year in the 13-team New England Football Conference.

What makes Marino's honors even more impressive is that he is a part-time head coach, who worked with a staff of only four assistants this season. Marino has been employed full time at Ludlow High School since graduating from Westfield State in 1971. He taught English for 29 years before moving into an administrative post as dean of students last year.

"My heartfelt congratulations to Coach Marino and the entire football team for an exciting year," said Westfield State College President Frederick W. Woodward. "They should be proud of their accomplishments and the recognition they brought to their college. A season such as this is indeed a rare experience that I hope they will all remember with pride. 'It will be a story for grandkids.'"

Steve Marino

7 Owls ECAC All-Stars

Seven members of the championship Westfield State football team have been selected ECAC Division III Northeast football All-Stars.

The voting was conducted by the coaches from the 29 New England football-playing colleges.

First-team selections were running back Shawn Lyman and linebacker Josue Zamora. Lyman ranked third nationally in rushing yards per game and set a single-season school record with 1,483 rushing yards. Zamora led the Owls' nationally-ranked defense.

Second-team selections were sophomore wide receiver Matt Yvon, junior offensive lineman Dave Duquette, senior defensive end Tim Corr, and junior defensive back Ryan Clifford. Junior Doug Kaczmarczyk was an honorable mention pick.

Basketball Edged By Western Conn.

Men's Basketball

Western Conn. 75 - Westfield 74

DANBURY, Conn. - Freshman guard Greg Coles buried a long three-pointer with three seconds remaining to lift Western Connecticut to a 75-74 victory over Westfield State on Dec. 4.

Junior guard Casey Bock had a team-high 18 points and six assists. Three other players scored in double figures in the balanced attack for the winners, who drained 9 of 20 three-pointer attempts.

Trailing 69-62, Westfield took a 74-72 lead with 14 seconds remaining on a free throw by Bryant James. James led the Owls, now 2-4, with 19 points, including two spectacular dunks.

Vaso Jaukovic added 18 points and a game-high 13 rebounds.

Leonard Miller, a former Western Connecticut player, added 16 points for Westfield. Miller canned two free throws with 44 seconds remaining to give the Owls a 73-71 lead.

Women's Basketball

Western Conn.53 - Westfield 39

DANBURY - The Westfield State women's basketball team dropped a 53-39 decision to Western Connecticut on Dec. 4.

Westfield, 1-5, only shot 25 percent from the field (12 for 48) and 50 percent (12 for 24) from the foul line. The Owls, who trailed 22-18 at halftime, also committed 31 turnovers.

Senior guard Michaela Blaney was Westfield's only double-figure scorer with 12 points.

Westfield's next game is Monday, Dec. 10, at Smith College.

Westfield's final home game this semester is Wednesday, Dec. 12, when it hosts Pine Manor.

Ice Hockey Falls To Suffolk

BOSTON - The Westfield State ice hockey team dropped a 7-3 decision to Suffolk University on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at the Boston University Walter Brown Arena.

Westfield got goals from Ryan Lawless and freshmen Bill Colella and Alan Donnelly. Mike Fitzgerald added two assists.

"We did not play well the entire game," said coach Brian Ward. "We lacked intensity and got outworked. Unfortunately, it was our worst performance of the season. How they react from this will be very telling."

The Owls' next home game is Dec. 12 vs. the Harvard JV at 7:00.

Whalley Is Third Team All New England In Men's Soccer

Westfield State College's Chris Whalley was recently selected third team All New England in men's soccer.

The junior midfielder from Southwick led the 11-7-2 Owls to a runner-up finish in both the Mass. State Conference and ECAC postseason tournament. He is a three-time all conference selection and was the conference Rookie of the Year in 1999.

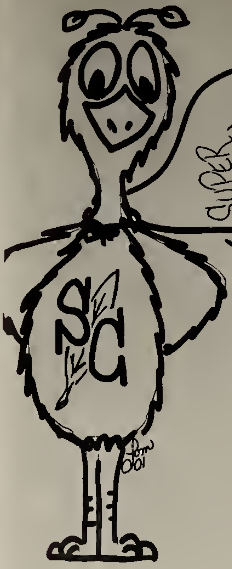
Whalley was the Owls' leading scorer this season with 25 points and currently ranks sixth in career assists (31) and 18th in career scoring (67) at Westfield State.

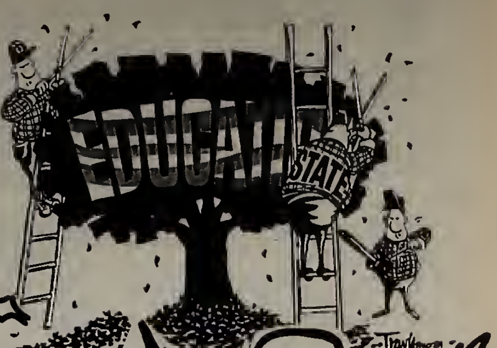
Whalley is the second Westfield State player in the past two seasons to be accorded All New England status. Karl Labadorf was a first team selection last year.

Twenty-three institutions are respresented on the All New England teams with coaches from 49 colleges taking part in the voting.

Mass. State Conference Smith Cup Standings After Fall Sports Seasons

Place	School	Points	Possible Points	%
1st	Westfield	21.5	36	.597
2nd	Bridgewater	21	36	.583
3rd	Worcester	16	36	.444
4th	Framingham	9	36	.250
6th	Mass. College	2	18	.111
5th	Fitchburg	2.5	36	.069
T-7th	Mass. Maritime	0	24	.000
T-7th	Salem	0	30	.000





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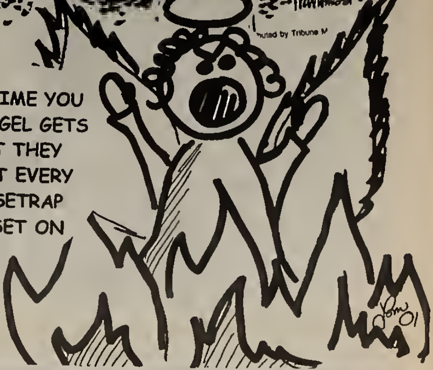
-JACK HANDY



happy holidays

Personals

Jiggles what?..Jiggles who?

You don't pork!

New Years Eve in Montreal. It's going to be insane! Thanx Perc

Our house may only amount to a hill of beans, but this is our hill and these are our beans.

2 hot studs live in Dic C-48!!

I'm Jed D.'s new rebound guy!

Blonde-haired punk boy in Lammers, you're the cutest!!!-you secret admirer

Appache dance in Montreal is gonna be crazy!!

Rayn, get off yer bum!!! We love you

Watch your step Rhiannon!

Dan C. I really like you and want to go out with you! All I want for Christmas is

Blanch lying on his bed ready for pleasure!

Most emo b****s are in denial of their emo-ness.

Dude where's my car?

Hey #55 I think you lucky # is 2. Love you bunches

Katie, The sexiest men know how to do magic tricks.

We don't make up these personals...Well only from here on...

Merry Christmas Laura, Jon, Kelly, Tom, Meg, Alison, Tim, Adrienne, Jess, Jenn, Brooke, and Chris.

It only hurts when I breathe.

Then don't breathe!

The holiday extravaganza is gonna be the coolest party in town.

Happy 19th Birthday Tom!

The new cups in the Dining Commons kick ass!

MOOOOOOOOO!!!!

When I grow up I either want to be a principal...or a catepillar.

One time, at band camp, I shoved a candy cane up my ****!

My roommate has gone through 3 birds in a month. Maybe you should get a chia-pet.

Laura go have fun eatting dinner.

Hey Campus Voice Staff...Let's have hermit crab races around Ely.

The guy at the suicide hotline told me a should shoot myself, do you agree?

Steph- I already told Dottie you stole a cup from the DC...She's gonna be on your tail!

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

USEFUL INFORMATION

JUST THE PLAIN FAX

AS SGT. JOE FRIDAY USED TO SAY– "JUST THE PLAIN FAX MA'AM." A PUBLIC FAX MACHINE HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN THE ELY CAMPUS CENTER MAIN LOUNGE. INSTRUCTIONS ARE EASY TO FOLLOW. PRICES ARE OUTLINED FOR EACH USAGE.

WANT SOME CULTURE?

Check out Springfield Symphony Orchestra schedule at the Campus Center Service Window. Student vouchers for $6

NEED A WASH?

Golden Nozzle car wash coupons on sale for $4 at the Campus Center Service Window. Make your car happy and clean!

NEED CASH FAST?

Fleet Bank ATM located in Ely Campus Center Main Level.

DON'T FORGET!

Get your Fall ID stickers at the Campus Center Service Window

GOING SOMEWHERE?

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Weekends 10:30a-1:30p & 4:30p-6p

Health Services

(Nurse on duty) Sun 4p - Fri 4p
Sat 10a-6p
(Dr. on duty) Mon-Fri 10:30a-1p

Wellness Center

Mon-Wed 7a-10p Thur 7a-9p Fri 7a-7p
Sat 1p-6p Sunday 4p-9p
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Library Hours

Mon-Thur 8a-11p;
Fri 8a-5pm
Sat 1pm-6pm;
Sun 1pm-9pm

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Subway

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Sat 12p-11p Sun 1p-11p

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WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events

Mon 12/10	1:00 p.m.	College Blood Drive	Scanlon Banquet Hall
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Summer Catch"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Shrek"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Tue 12/11	5:30 p.m.	Student Government Association	SGA Office
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Animal"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Wed 12/12	4:45 p.m.	Campus Activities Board	SGA Office
	6:00 p.m.	Men's Basketball vs. Lasell	Newton, MA
	7:00 p.m.	Jazz Night	Ely Main Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Basketball vs. Pine Manor	Parenzo Gym
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "America's Sweetheart"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Pearl Harbor"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Thur 12/13	12:00 p.m.	Holiday Social	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Baby Boy"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Crazy/Beautifulr"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Fri 12/14	7:00 p.m.	Senior Night	Third World Room
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Mummy Returns"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Sat 12/15	TBA	Women's basketball at S. Maine Tour.	Gorham, ME
Sun 12/16	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium

Happy Holidays!!!

Have a Safe Winter Break!!!

-The Campus Voice Staff

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Do we ask too much of our future teachers?

Common Ground is gaining ground

Students fight for better handicap accessibility on campus

Photo by Kelly Clark

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After postponement, MTG presents Fiddler on the Roof

By Tom Perron
Assistant Editor

Tevye, the main character of Fiddler on the Roof, played by Corey Douchette, said, "Without our traditions, our lives would be as shaky as a fiddler on the roof."

Dan Cassidy, director of the musical said, "This play is a about a man, Tevye, who has three daughters and lives in the small village of Anatevka, Russia."

Anatevka is described as "underfed, overworked, intimate and obstinate," by the cast in one of the pieces, Anatevka.

The play takes place in the early 1900s and deals with the strong ways and traditions of a small town and how Tevye's daughters are changing and going against the traditions.

One of the ways the daughters go against this tradition is by wanting to choose a husband rather than a matchmaker making the choice.

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

The daughters mend clothes during the opening number, "Tradition," in MTG's production of "Fiddler on the Roof."

Tevye and his wife, Goldie, are trying to marry off Tzietel, the oldest daughter. The matchmaker matches her with Lazar Wolfm, the butcher. However, the butcher was much older than Tzietel and Tzietel didn't love him. Tzietel

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Athletic facility needs funds

WSC plans capital fundraising campaign to raise $2 million

By Laura Cyr
Editor In Chief

Westfield State College officials are planning a capital fundraising campaign to raise the $2.3 million needed to complete the new $16 million athletic facility.

"We are now putting together the volunteer leadership of alumni, parents, and community leaders," said Robert Ziomek, Assistant Director of Development, adding that the school is currently in the planning stages of the campaign. "The volunteers will set a goal once the donations have been made in the next few months. When the dust settles from the initial face to face solicitations we will know a goal and set the final priorities."

The campaign will raise money through solicited pledges from the Westfield and Greater Springfield area over a five year period, explained Ziomek, noting that the campaign will be broader than just raising funds for the athletic facility and will most likely incorporate a goal for the Endowment as well, which will generate money to keep it running in the future.

The $2.3 million needed to complete the athletic facility, which is mainly for furnishings and equipment costs, is not a

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Dean of Mount Holyoke to deliver commencement address

By Alison Close
Voice Reporter

WSC's graduating class of 2002 will be hearing their farewell words from Mount Holyoke's Dean and professor of Psychology and Education, Dr. Beverly Tatum, the elected speaker for this year's ceremony and former professor of WSC.

"We are thrilled with the senior class officer's selection," WSC's Dean of Undergraduates, Dr. Robert Martin said. "I think it is a wonderful choice." Since Tatum is a former faculty member, "we think of her as one of the family," he said.

Martin said that although he needed to approve the elected speaker, the suggestion initially came from the senior class officers. More specifically, senior Alumni Representative Jessica Bonavita recommended Dr. Tatum as the 2002 graduation speaker.

"I read her book, Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting in the Cafeteria?, in her husband's Multicultural Education class," Bonavita said. "Her book was insightful and everyone should read it."

Senior Class President, Meghan Canning, said she is looking forward to graduation, particularly to hearing Dr. Tatum speak. "She's a very insightful woman and a great speaker."

"She's gone on to do very well for herself at Mount Holyoke College. She's well regarded nationally for her work on race in America. She's also this year's acting President over at the college," Dr. Martin said.

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

Beverly Tatum, Dean of Mount Holyoke College and a former WSC faculty member, will be the speaker at this year's graduation ceremonies.

Tatum is a clinical psychologist who currently holds a consulting practice and is also a professor of psychology and education. She has earned a B.A. in psychology followed by an M.A. and then Ph.D. in clinical psychology.

Throughout her professional career, Tatum has led many workshops on racial identity development and published many pieces on race and education issues. She has also appeared in dozens of media outlets nationwide.

Tatum has appeared on the nationally known Oprah Winfrey Show to discuss youth and race in America and has spoken on two National Public Radio-affiliated broadcasts that reached more than 8 million listeners.

She has also appeared on other national programs, such as CNN's Talk Back Live, Fox's The O'Reilly Factor and BET's Teen Summit.

Tatum has been working at Mt. Holyoke College since 1989. Her area of expertise focuses on racial relations in America, including race in the classroom and racial identity in teens.

Tatum's Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? and Other Conversations About Race were published in 1997. This book was listed on the Independent Bookstore Best

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Study abroad in Australia gives students look at new culture and environment

By Brooke Popielarz
Voice Reporter

This past semester, six Westfield State College students were given an opportunity to experience a different culture and explore a new environment while continuing their studies in an exchange program with Bond University in Australia.

Any student who has an opportunity to experience an exchange somewhere completely different should definitely go, Lauren Mello, a senior Criminal Justice major said. "I learned more about myself abroad," she said.

Mello and six other Westfield State College students spent last semester at Bond University, Australia.

Mello made her decision to experience something different and explore her surroundings in order to broaden her horizons. She visited the Great Barrier Reef and drove along the beautiful ocean road where she visited the historical landmarks at 12 Apostles in Melbourne. "The Great Barrier Reef was incredible," Mello said.

Rachel Burgio, a senior Communications major, agreed with Mello that taking a trip to snorkel and seeing the Great Barrier Reef was amazing. Her favorite site was touring the Gold Coast and the Sydney Opera House.

Junior English major Kristin Loiko said visiting the Airs Rock in the middle of the desert was breathtaking. "The rock changes color when the sun hits it at different times in the day," she said.

"I was surprised we met up with a lot of people from NY, CT and MA too there," said Burgio. Three-hundred Americans attended Bond

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Budget cuts, student fee increases, building projects on SGA agenda

By Adrienne Lamplough
Managing Editor

With a state budget of $20.3 million and dropping, Westfield State College will be making cuts while trying to impact students and faculty as little as possible over the next year, WSC President Dr. Frederick Woodward at Tuesday's Student Government Association meeting.

"Many expenses will be cut over the next year or so," Woodward said. "Marketing, out-of-state travel, the elevator in Bates Hall, office equipment and food at events are just a few expenses that will be cut to compensate the low budget."

WSC first received $21 million from the state for the fiscal year budget. But, during the month of January the state took away $830,000, leaving WSC with a $20.3 million budget to work with, Woodward said. "All of the other state colleges are in the same boat," he said.

As of December 31, Acting Governor Jane Swift offered an early retirement incentive. This incentive gives faculty an automatic five years so they could retire early, said Woodward. It can be used towards their age or the number of years they worked at the college. The faculty can retire five years early and only inform the state of their decision. Westfield State will find out at a later date, Woodward said.

> **"The student fee will most likely increase. I'm not sure by how much, possibly in the neighborhood of $500." President Woodward speaking about the budget cuts and their effects at last Tuesday's SGA meeting.**

With the new budget and the early retirement incentive, WSC is only allowed to replace 20 percent of the retired faculty, said Woodward.

As of the 2003 fiscal year, there is a possible $1.87 million cut on the $20.3 million budget, said Woodward.

This reduction would cause the college to cut more expenses, such as eliminating sabbaticals that cost the school money, and reducing academic departments, said Woodward. "This does not mean faculty will not be able to take a sabbatical, they probably just won't be able to do it until after June of 2004," he said.

"The student fee will most likely increase. I'm just not sure by how much, possibly in the neighborhood of $500," Woodward said.

"Those paying the full boat, this could affect you," said Woodward. "We are doing everything we can to not affect the students or the classroom experience."

Director of Residential Life Curt Robie said there are many areas on campus where renovation and building budgets have been cut. But, projects that have been planned before this will keep moving as scheduled.

This money is coming from bonds that are not related to the budget cuts. The money from these bonds are already designated to specific projects and cannot be moved to other projects, Robie said.

WSC is undergoing major renovations and building projects this coming spring and summer, said Robie. "This summer there will be very expensive renovations done on campus," said Robie.

The state legislature mandated that buildings need to be equipped with sprinklers, said Robie. "We need to provide additional safety."

Davis and Dickinson Hall will be equipped with the new sprinkler systems when school ends in the spring. Along with the sprinkler systems, Davis and Dickinson will receive new ceilings, additional lighting, painted hallways and removal of the asbestos on the pipes. This project will last ten weeks and cost $2 million, said Robie.

Lammers Hall will also receive sprinkler systems although it will be finished within a two-year time frame, said Robie.

The paint on the ceilings contains 2 percent asbestos which needs to be scraped off, Robie said. "This is a time consuming process which will leave the hallways with bare concrete and pipes. Once finished, there will be new lighting and new ceilings in the hallways," Robie said.

Other areas that renovations will take place are Parenzo's gym, auditorium, classrooms, bathrooms and offices, along with the building of an elevator in Parenzo. As far as completed projects, Wilson's bathrooms have been equipped with doors on the handicapped stalls, said Robie.

Plans are being made to put an elevator in Ely, although there are difficulties with the placement of the elevator, said Robie. "Funding is tight right now, but we are doing the best we can."

The recycling program is underway and should begin within the next couple of weeks. There will be workshops for students and faculty to attend. "If this is going to work it's up to you to make it work," Robie said.

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From the Editor's Desk

Childcare a valuable service

Day care facilities have been cut from the budget at University of Massachusetts at Amherst as a result of the shortage of funds this year. While each state college and university is looking for ways to trim their budgets, cutting a child care facility should be one of the last options.

Young and single mothers turn to public universities, state colleges and community colleges when they want to receive a higher education. This is why UMass and colleges like Springfield Technical Community College offer, or offered, day care facilities.

Offering inexpensive day care is often the way student mothers can attend classes and earn their degrees. UMass offered state-subsidized childcare, charging parents on a sliding scale based on income. This system enabled students with children to receive an education, and was why many of these students chose UMass to begin with.

The childcare facility also attracted faculty and staff to the UMass campus. When weighing job offers, on site childcare facilities make a university stand out compared to others, and now employees who worked at UMass may possibly move elsewhere.

Childcare is one of the lowest paying fields to begin with. Getting rid of the center only saves UMass about $600,000. While budgets must be cut, the cost of the facility was far less than the actual value of it, and may lead to no savings for the school if students, staff and faculty move elsewhere due to its elimination.

Childcare has been an issue on this campus as well. Last year, The Campus Voice ran a story on childcare projects being developed at WSC. These projects included off campus housing for student mothers and an on campus childcare facility, like the one UMass recently cut.

While the off campus housing project was a more ambitious and longer term project, an on campus childcare facility is something that some people have been discussing and working for since the 1970's. While funding and finding the space are an issue in any building project, the value of a childcare facility would be great on campus. It would help the student mothers and attract more student mothers to receive an education here. It would also attract new faculty and staff, as well as provide a place for student interaction for those who are in the early childhood program.

On campus childcare is a service that many in the community benefit from, a service that was once an asset to UMass and is now non existent. Although it may not seem timely to talk about creating a facility at WSC when funding has been cut, I feel that the thirty years that have passed since the topic was first raised is too long to see nothing happen.

Child care is one of the most important issues in the lives of many in our college community. Our college should take this need into account and take the steps as soon as possible to provide a facility to meet this need.

Laura Cyr
Editor-In-Chief

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result of budget cuts or falling short of money, said Ziomek. He explained that the funding for the athletic facility is based on how the State Department of Capital Asset Management is set up for funding projects.

"They fund a portion and the school is required to manage the rest of the project," Ziomek said. "We received $9.5 million in funding from them. We need to make up the rest through HEFA [the state Health and Education Facilities Authority] funding and or fundraising."

Ziomek said that the tentative figures look like WSC will receive $4 to 5 million in loans and $2 to 3 million from fund-raising.

Groundbreaking for the athletic facility is scheduled for early May, said Curt Robie, Assistant Vide President of Facilities and Operations. There have been no delays in the process due to funding and this was the original scheduled date, he said.

Robie said that they are looking at about an 18-month construction period, with plans for the athletic facility to be ready for use in January of 2004.

The 80,000 square foot athletic facility, which will be located on Western Ave. in front of the current athletic field area, will include a field house portion and an academic portion. It will have one performance basketball court with seating for 1100 and two intramural basketball courts. There will be a four lane running track, climbing wall, different stages for indoor track and field, batting cages, full training room and equipment for athletics, and locker rooms. There will also be theatrical lighting for future events to be held at the facility.

The academic portion will include classrooms, offices for the movement science department and athletics, a student lounge, an aerobics room, a weight room facility, movement science labs, and a computer room.

Robie said that he hopes the college will go out to bid for the facility within the next few weeks and that they have had numerous people interested in bidding so far.

Westfield State College historian publishes revised, expanded book

By Public Affairs
Special to the Voice

Russell Bellico of Agawam, professor of economics and management at Westfield State College, had a revised edition of his first book, Sails and Steam in the Mountains, published recently by Purple Mountain Press.

The 400-page book, which had been reprinted three times since its first printing in 1992, was extensively rewritten to incorporate additional original materials covering the period of 18th century military campaigns, the War of 1812, canal boat commerce and the steamboat era in the Champlain Valley.

Bellico, a summer resident of Lake George, N.Y., has spent more than three decades researching area history, as well as photographing shipwrecks of both Lake George and Lake Champlain. He has written two other books published by Purple Mountain Press, Chronicles of Lake George and Chronicles of Lake Champlain, as well as many magazine articles on maritime history.

It was during his more recent research that Bellico uncovered many additional early documents, including diaries, journals and letters, that offer personal insights into the region's history. The papers come from such original sources as a 12-year-old Connecticut boy who was at Benedict Arnold's side during the Battle of Valcour Island in the Revolutionary War.

The book also documents the fall of Fort William Henry, the battle portrayed in James Fenimore Cooper's novel, The Last of the Mohicans, as well as several other historical events.

The original edition of Sails and Steam was the first new comprehensive history of Lake George and Lake Champlain published in 30 years. The expanded large format paperback edition includes more than 100 new maps, paintings and photographs. It sells for $29 and is available at area bookstores or may be ordered from the publisher at 1-800-325-2665.

Publisher releases 4th edition of text on teaching children with disabilities

By Public Affairs
Special to the Voice

Publisher Allyn & Bacon has recently released the 4th edition of a Westfield State College professor's successful college text for teachers, Teaching Students with Mild Disabilities.

Martin Henley, professor of education, is principle author of the book, which is co-authored by Roberta Ramsey of Troy State University and Robert Algozzine of the University of North Carolina.

The first edition was published in 1993 and coincided with the growing inclusion movement: education of students with disabilities in the general education classrooms, Henley said.

With more than 15,000 copies sold, the book has proven to be a popular choice for college professors who want characteristics blended with functional ideas on such topics as classroom management and instructional adaptations for students with special needs.

Mild Disabilities focuses on students with learning disabilities, mild mental retardation and emotional disturbance. "Together these categories comprise 80 percent of all special needs students," he said.

Since the publication of the first edition other publishers have put out competing texts, but Mild Disabilities continues to maintain its leadership in the field, Henley said.

The text sells for about $70 through college bookstores and the Boston-based publisher's web site, www.ablong.com.

Speaker

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Seller list. The National Association for Multicultural Education also selected the publication as the multicultural Book of the Year for 1998. In addition, Tatum was one of three authors to appear with former President William Clinton at the Akron national town meeting on race.

A few other of Tatum's publications include Assimilation Blues: Black Families in a White Community, published in 1987, and Talking About Race, Learning About Racism: An Application of Racial Identity Development Theory in the Classroom, an article published in Harvard Medical Review in 1992.

Another accomplishment of Tatum's includes a Carnegie Corporation Grant for a demonstration project in Northampton's school system in 1996.

Almost 20 years ago, before Tatum became employed at Mt. Holyoke College, she was an associate professor and assistant professor at WSC. She also lectured at the University of California at Santa Barbara's Department of Black Studies.

"We need to take responsibility for cleaning up racism, even if it's not our fault," Tatum previously said at a public lecture. "The consequences of not talking about it are worse than the fear of talking about it."

In closing of that lecture, Tatum concluded, "Change is possible. I remain hopeful."

Voice of The Week

Dan Cassidy

POSITION AT WSC: President and Directdr df the Muiscal Theater Guild.

HOMETOWN: Martha's Vineyard.

FAMILY: Mom, Dad, Sister and Brdther.

MAJOR: Criminal Justice.

YEAR: Super Senidr

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: Friends in MTG.

LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: Lack of pride in student run clubs.

PERSON YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: Stanley Kubric.

FAVORITE QUOTE: "Don't lie td make friends"

FAVORITE FOOD: Steak

HOBBIES: Theater, Golf, Vided and Foxwddds.

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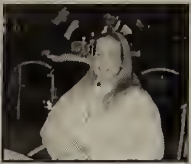
What are your New Year's Resolutions?

"To figure out a good grad school and program that fits."

Rochelle Rivers
2002
Communications

"To quit smoking."

Trisha Siorini
2002
Communications



"To quit smoking."

Kim Stearns
2004
Regional Planning

"To eat better."

Phil Connors
2002
Communications

"No more injuries and no more trouble."

Ethan Cowles
2003
Criminal Justice

"To lose 10 pounds."

Sharyi Thompson
2003
Social Work

Voices Overheard compiled by Peter Costas

Australia

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University last semester and most of them were placed in one building together. Mello's roommate happened to be from Bristol, CT, and Burgio's was from Switzerland.

Burgio completed all of her core and major requirements before she thought about leaving to study abroad. "I figured, I'm done. I might as well go somewhere to see something I had not before," she said.

Mello and Burgio did not plan on going together but are really good friends now. "At the last meeting we all had to attend, I met Lauren there and we set it up where most of us from WSC could travel in a group."

In the summer they kept in touch and planned on meeting in New Zealand before going to Australia because their tickets came with a free stop-over.

"We pretty much researched our own means of transportation, that was one of our responsibilities," Mello said.

International Exchange Coordinator, Professor George Psychas is there to guide students interested in studying abroad. Also, keep a look out for companies wanting to help tourists, Mello suggested.

"A place called Backpackers helped tremendously with our arrangements to visit the neighboring cities and towns in Australia," Mello said. "Everyone was very hospitable to us. The professors were very laid back."

"Australians are not degrading in any way and are very accommodating," said Loiko.

Burgio said that her TV studio class was more difficult than she was used to. TV studio went from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Classes are generally structured differently, she said. They are two-hour lectures and one-hour tutorials. Tutorials are the classes that are separated into smaller discussion group sessions, she explained.

Loiko said she learned how the monetary system is not any different in Australia than from our own in the United States.

Burgio, Mello and Loiko all urge any student who wishes to go away to consider all climate conditions, not just those countries known for beaches and sun, as they are confident any destination of the exchange program will be sure to provide a fun, enriching experience.

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WSC students who went on exchange to Australia last semester. From left to right: Mark Parella, Lauren Mello, Adam Cobb, and Rachel Burgio.

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A bug-friendly time

Los Angeles Times

OK, there's no proof the CIA bugged the new jetliner of Chinese President Jiang Zemin. It is really, really shocking that while the Boeing 767 was being built near Seattle and custom-fitted for months in San Antonio, more than two dozen satellite-controlled listening devices somehow fell into the leather upholstery of Jiang's fancy new airplane chairs and into the headboard of his comfy airborne bed near his high-flying hot shower. Just think what political and non-Communist chatter this bug collection might have transmitted. And how conscientiously other world leaders now inspect their Boeing beds.

Who would do such a sneaky thing? Probably not Peru. France is still on vacation, isn't it? Argentina is demonstrating again this week. Fingering the CIA is like noticing a chewing teenager minutes before the cookies are discovered missing. We can hope it's the agency back in game-shape. But have you noticed the major powers' ``let's-agree-not-to-notice-spying" attitude, post-9/11, when so many routines and assumptions seem upside down? Americans do seem to have problems with planes and spying, witness the Soviet Union's U-2 downing (the plane, not the band) that wrecked a 1960 Eisenhower-Khrushchev summit. Last spring, you'll recall, an American EP-3 spy plane collided with a tailing Chinese fighter over international waters, producing a loud international confrontation and weeks of tensions. But now, it seems, we're in a friendlier, forgiving era: President Bush's Beijing visit, postponed by September's events, starts Feb. 21, the precise 30th anniversary of President Nixon's historic trip there to restore relations. And Jiang reportedly wants to visit the Bush ranch after the Texas summer. So right now smart Chinese officials don't see spy bugs as a problem. The CIA is modestly silent. And our imaginations run amok. We can only imagine what Chinese faction might have a stake in leaking word of the bugs, if they really existed, or maybe placing them itself to embarrass or pressure its own president. Then there's the money. China reported the plane's outfitting at $30 million; the outfitters say they got $10 million. Hmmm. How much is rich Corinthian leather anyway?

The luxurious jetliner with ample legroom sits idle now on a military airfield enduring the winds of China's 55th winter under Communist rule. Maybe sometime after Jiang retires next year, for a few million dollars more they can turn the Chinese president's personal aircraft into a museum for the proletariat to see firsthand the decadence of capitalism.

Gallery becomes a shrine of photos

LAURIE GARRETT
NEWSDAY

NEW YORK-A World Trade Center photography exhibit created after the Sept. 11 attacks has been trying to shut its doors since Thanksgiving, but cannot stop the hordes of viewers who demand it remain open.

The SoHo exhibit, ''Here Is New York: A Democracy of Photographs," has become a shrine of sorts, drawing 3,500 New Yorkers and tourists each day, as people search for some way to connect emotionally with the tragedy.

``People go to Ground Zero and there's nothing left to see," exhibit publicist Amy Wentz said. ``So we're finding most of the people who come here now are tourists. This sort of allows them to bear witness."

Michael Shulan is a co-founder of the exhibit, as well as co-owner of the Prince Street storefront that houses it rent free.

The exhibit was created after Shulan and three other local artists and photographers realized that thousands of New Yorkers, some of them professional photographers, had documented Sept. 11 and its immediate aftermath. They decided to create a vehicle for donating and archiving the best of those photos.

Practically overnight their tiny storefront space was deluged with photos and with volunteers such as Wentz, who lives near Ground Zero. About 300 people have given their time to the effort.

Today 4,000 images are on display, either on their Web site, www.hereisnewyork.org, or at the exhibit many hanging on clips, attached to strings that dangle across the space. All the photographers have waived their rights to the pictures. There are no names on the pictures, and nothing distinguishes the images by famous photojournalists from the shots by amateurs.

-File Photo

The exhibit sells prints of the images for $25 each, with all profits donated to the Children's Aid Society. About $500,000 has been raised so far to assist children who lost parents in the attacks.

Top sellers include a photo shot from inside a destroyed building across the street from the Twin Towers, with the broken window frame forming a crucifix.

On a typical afternoon last week the gallery was packed, with a long line of people waiting patiently outside in the crisp air. Inside the gallery people seemed compelled to talk, in English and an assortment of other languages, about what they were seeing and share Sept. 11 stories. Many were moved to tears.

''If you weren't here you feel cut off from what happened," said co-founder Charles Traub, chairman of the MFA photography program at the School of Visual Arts. ``And New York is like a child of the world."

Traub likened seeing the photos to recovering the bodies of the lost.

``It concretizes it," he said. ``I think people don't want to let go of the experience. And my dream is that because of that, the American public will be all the more mindful of those things that happen all over the world."

The exhibit's power has prompted concern about its fate. The nearly renovated Tweed Courthouse, located next to City Hall, would like to house the archive, Traub said, but hasn't the funds to properly store and display it. Several galleries have expressed interest in housing the work from famous photojournalists, but that, Traub insists, would destroy the exhibit's point.

Target, the department store company, is sponsoring shows drawn from the exhibit in Chicago and three other cities, beginning in March. Next month 300 of the images will travel to several cities in Germany.

And 40 cities worldwide have requested the exhibit. But the organizers don't have experience in corporate fund raising, and day-to-day operations are so overwhelming that nobody has figured out what ought to be done next.

Despite the chaos, and the long hours of work, Traub said, the experience has created a family. ``I know what the firefighters feel the brotherhood," Traub said, admitting it will be hard to break up the volunteer team. ``They are inspired by what took place, and by having a means of contributing. It's a remarkable case study in collective energy."

Olympic challenge: counter Mormon image

WILLIAM BOOTH
THE WASHINGTON POST

SALT LAKE CITY-Rocky Anderson, mayor of the city that will host the Winter Olympics next month, includes in his official press package an article he wrote about his happy hours pub-crawling with members of ``the astoundingly beautiful Utah Bikini Team."

Why was the mayor playing foosball at brew gardens with the current Mrs. Utah and her gal pals? It seems Anderson faces an unusual public relations challenge: how to convince the world that his city is not a Dullsville populated by teetotaling missionaries in skinny ties and sensible shoes.

When Anderson met recently with a group of international journalists, they kept asking not about the vibrant arts and culture, burgeoning high-technology sectors, commitment to public transport, safe streets, or waist-high powder of the slopes.

No, the foreign press wanted to know about the Mormons. The mayor, a Democrat and non-Mormon in a state that is solidly Republican and 70 percent Mormon, took pains to point out that the church should play a role in the Olympics because of its overwhelming presence, not to mention that it was Mormon pioneers who settled this stunning valley and built a city from scratch. ``It is a story worth telling," he said.

``But there is so much more to Salt Lake now," Anderson continued, boasting not just of the city's virtues but of its newfound diversity the annual gay-pride parades, the growth of immigrant communities and the rising population of non-Mormons, who now account for about half the population of Salt Lake City.

It is a fact that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is so entwined in the history, commerce and polities of Utah that its presence at the Olympics will be inescapable.

From the arcane liquor laws that require buying ``memberships" at ``private clubs" to order a drink, to the concerts given by the glorious Tabernacle Choir, to the presence of 4,000 clean-cut Mormon volunteers dressed in dark suits and plain dresses, the church's influence will be felt everywhere.

To counter the ''Mormon Olympics" image, Gordon Hinckley, the church's 91-year-old president and ``living prophet," has declared that missionaries will not buttonhole potential converts during the Games here next month. The word from on high is: Keep a low, polite, neighborly profile. Show the world that the Latter-day Saints are a wholesome, vibrant, conservative but mainstream Christian religion, and not some weird cult of polygamists (a practice the church officially renounced more than a century ago).

''We want to be good hosts," said Jeffrey Holland, the former president of the Mormons' Brigham Young University and one of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, the church's leadership.

There is, however, really no other place in America where one religion so dominates daily life. The role of the Mormon faith in Utah is often compared, favorably, to Catholicism in Rome and Judaism in Israel, or unfavorably, by its critics, to Islamic theocracies in the Middle East.

The head of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, Mitt Romney, is a Mormon bishop. The two leaders of the bidding team who brought the Games to the city and scandal, too, because of their enticements to the International Olympic Committee are also Mormons.

Ditto the governor, the entire congressional delegation and the overwhelming majority of Utah's judges, mayors, city councils, school boards and state legislators, who routinely debate issues such as whether a painting of a nude in a museum might violate Utah's pornography prohibitions.

The heart of Salt Lake City is the Temple and its surrounding square, where the church has its central offices, visitors' centers, genealogy libraries, history and art museums, famed Tabernacle, and a new 21,000-seat conference center, where for 10 nights during the Games the church will present its multimedia, song-and-dance extravaganza called ``Light of the World."

Church-owned and -affiliated businesses are everywhere an empire with estimated assets of at least $25 billion and an international roster of believers at more than 10 million and growing.

The large downtown shopping center is the Mormon-owned ZCMI Center Mall, which stands for Zion's Cooperative Mercantile Institution.

The site of the Medals Plaza, where winners of Olympic events will receive their awards, is owned by the church and loaned for the Games, as were other lands.

As Richard and Joan Ostling wrote in the 1999 book ''Mormon America," Salt Lake ''is their headquarters city, their Olympus, their Zion."

Romney, the head of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, promises the church ''will have a presence but not a dominant presence" at the games. ``As with our sponsors," Romney said, referring to the blue-chip corporate donors and advertisers, ''the feeling is that more is often less. If a sponsor, or the church, is too overbearing, there is the potential for a backlash, and so the wise course for any institution is to be reserved."

Zimbabwe's slide

The Washington Post

Since the mid-1980s, the United States has tried to support emerging democracies, knowing that political openness and accountability are often conditions for economic development as well as ends in themselves. As part of this effort, the United States has spent millions helping to write election laws, monitor campaigns, develop political parties and even train independent journalists and judges. Fifteen years later, one of the main conclusions from this effort is that building democracy is difficult: A recent study by Thomas Carothers of the Carnegie Endowment suggested that of the nearly 100 democracies considered "transitional," fewer than 20 are making solid progress. This is why it really matters when a relatively successful democracy starts to slide backward into authoritarianism. The damage done on the way down the destruction of political parties, the silencing of journalists will prove exceedingly difficult to reverse.

A descent of this kind is happening now in Zimbabwe, which once boasted economic stability, fairly free elections and an independent judiciary and press. The aging and autocratic Robert Mugabe, who has led the nation since 1980, faces an election on March 9-10; polls suggest he would lose a fair contest, so he seems intent upon making it unfair. He has rammed a new security bill through parliament that bans criticism of the president. He has allowed thugs to disrupt opposition rallies. He has intimidated and detained critical journalists. He has bullied judges. Jack Straw, Britain's foreign minister, declares that he and his European Union colleagues concluded recently that "Mugabe wanted to steal the election."

On Monday the Europeans rightly promised "smart sanctions" meaning that Zimbabwe's top 20 leaders would be denied visas and would have their bank accounts in Europe frozen unless the conditions for a fair election are created. Meanwhile, Congress has passed a law giving the Bush administration a green light to do likewise; it should. Outsiders have spoken out against Mr. Mugabe's depredations for years now, and their credibility will be undermined if they do not follow up with action. Announcing sanctions, and spelling out the conditions that would stave off their imposition, would give Zimbabwe's government the right incentives to allow a fair vote. If Mr. Mugabe goes ahead and steals the election anyway, sanctions will at least register American disgust at his policies, sending a signal to would-be autocrats all around the world.

Whatever the outcome in Zimbabwe's election, the past few months suggest a lesson for American engagement in the developing world. The United States and Europe have both been slow in threatening sanctions, because they hoped that Zimbabwe's southern African neighbors would take the lead in pressuring Mr. Mugabe. The United States needs to do whatever it can to turn timid African advocates of democracy into bold ones. It is good to speak out for democracy; it is better to be echoed.

Lost, 54 miles of candy a day

LOS ANGELES TIMES

First off. Canadians are swell neighbors. They keep to their own yard and don't blare the radio. Canadians make good wood, beer and glaciers. They've had good inventions too: basketball. hockey, Pablum, Canada Dry. insulin and the banana split. any of which could be an answer when using another Canadian invention, Trivial Pursuit. But they've gone a bit too far now: Canada is kidnapping the manufacture of LifeSavers, that hallowed hard-candy American institution that's fueled family outings for generations. Kraft Foods Inc. announced it will soon stop making LifeSavers in the United States of America and move that operation to Quebec. Make all the engine blocks and jeans you want in Mexico. but LifeSavers offshored to Canada? C'mon. that leaves a sour taste.

LifeSavers have been an American-made tradition since Clarence Crane. a Cleveland confectioner wanted to boost candy sales in the summer, a had time for chocolate in the pre-refrigeration days of 1912. If you're over 90, you may recall 1912's other big news: the Titanic. Disdaining the pillow-shaped globs of fancy European goodies, Crane hired a pill maker to design an original shape, settling on little disks with a hole in the middle, like the lifesavers then on everyone's mind.

Originally a health mint ("For that stormy breath!"), peppermint LifeSavers entered millions of pockets and purses. Over the years 24 more flavors were added (Wild Cherry, 1934; Five Flavors, 1935; Butterscotch, 1951) Others were abandoned (Anise, 1932; Malt-O-Milk, 1942, and Root Beer, 1968)

No one could count the sibling spats over who wins the red ones or gets stuck with the green ones, or the roulette games over which end of the roll starts with a favorite flavor. How do you properly close the cylinder (are you a ripper or a folder?). What else do you do with LifeSavers (hold up cake candles, flavor cups of tea)? And then comes the important debate over crunching versus sucking. one enhances consumption, the other appreciation

Either way, 46 billion LifeSavers are consumed annually, 54 miles of little round lozenges per day, all now forged in Holland, Mich. Next year the [illegible] formula will be made only near Montreal, in a nonunion plant with duty-free access to cheaper Cuban sugar; saving 10 cents a pound adds up when you're using 113 tons a day

Selling satellite technology to China is one thing; entrusting LifeSavers' secret Wild Cherry formula to Canadians is another. Next thing you know, Canadians will be luring producers to make Hollywood movies up north because it's cheaper.

The coal miner's dark fate

CHING-CHING
LOS ANGELES TIMES

PODI, China -It happened on the 4-to-midnight shift.

Above ground, there was only a muffled sound and a jerk on the pulleys that move coal up from the Earth. Underground, there was an inferno.

"I saw two people run out screaming, 'The people at the bottom are done for!'" said Ren Tao, 19, who ran the pulleys the day of the explosion here in November. "Their faces were covered in black. Some of them were so shaken they kept throwing up and crying. Their brothers and uncles were still down below."

The next day, Ren's pulleys brought up carts filled not with coal but with corpses. "I was terrified," he said.

China leads the world in coal production and in lives lost in the mines. About 5,400 coal miners perished in explosions and other accidents during the first 11 months of last year, the government reported earlier this month. Some estimates put the annual death toll at 10,000. That compares with about 30 mining deaths a year in the United States, which ranks a close second to China as a coal producer.

The carnage reflects the troubled state of some heavy industries in China as the Communist government loosens control of the economy and allows more private enterprise.

The miners of yesterday were state employees, relatively well-paid and well-respected pillars of the socialist motherland. Today, more and more are working for private mines with minimal or no safety standards, subsisting on the dark side of the new economy, lucky to have jobs at all.

"Coal miners' lives are pure heartache," said Li Ziqi, who escaped death in the November blast because he had worked an earlier shift.

Li lives in China's coal mining capital the mountainous Shanxi province in the north. This impoverished region produces one-third of the roughly 1 billion tons of coal that China mines each year, feeding an insatiable demand for low-cost energy and generating desperately needed jobs.

In November, at least 100 workers died in five accidents in Shanxi's mines. The biggest blast, at the Podi mine Nov. 15, killed 33 miners and wounded 12.

For China as a whole, mining deaths declined slightly last year compared with 2000, according to government figures. Yet tragedies remain commonplace. This month, at least 50 miners have been reported killed in accidents in three provinces.

The high number of accidents "indicates that an uphill battle to improve work safety still awaits us this year," Zhang Baomin, general director of the State Administration of Work Safety, told the China Daily newspaper.

In the days of the centrally planned economy, large state-owned coal mines, although inefficient, guaranteed steady incomes for the nation's 8 million miners and provided social services.

The shift toward a more competitive economy in the last two decades forced many of these money-losing enterprises out of business, throwing as many as 2 million men out of work.

In place of many state mines came smaller, profit-driven operations that capitalize on an abundant supply of cheap labor made up of the laid-off miners and impoverished farmers.

Many private mines reduce not only wages but also safety standards. They tend to carve out more workstations underground, have fewer exits and operate fewer of the ventilation fans needed to remove natural gas fumes responsible, according to one report, for half the explosions in Chinese mines. Private mines also tend to have fewer safety inspections and less safety training for employees.

By the late 1990s, as many as 80,000 small coal fields were burrowed across this vast land, making government oversight extremely difficult. Beijing has shut down thousands of facilities including the Podi mine after the explosion but at least 23,000 remain open, most of them private.

The more mines the government closes, the more profitable it is to break the law. When production goes down, the price of coal goes up. To avoid detection, some small unlicensed mines operate only at night. Others don't bother with such precautions and run 24 hours a day.

Local governments do little about the illegal operations because they provide jobs and, at times, bribes.

In any case, China can go only so far in shuttering unsafe mines because it is the world's largest consumer of coal, using more than one-fifth of the global total each year, slightly above U.S. consumption levels. Until cheaper alternative sources of energy become viable for homes and businesses, China will depend on coal to power its breakneck economic growth.

Then there is the fear of social unrest. As dangerous as the jobs are, they are the best employment most miners can find.

Li, the Podi miner, said the November disaster would not deter him from working underground.

"Of course I plan to go back down," the 33-year-old father of two said. Since he lost his job a few years ago at a large state mine, where he had worked since he was 17, Li has toiled at several private operations and narrowly skirted death in two explosions.

"I've already found a new job at another mine," Li said. "My family needs the money. I don't know how to do anything else."

The pay at most mines is based on how much coal the worker digs. The strongest and most experienced miners can make more than $120 a month, about double the average local wage.

At the state mines, the veterans recalled, recruits received at least three months of training and workers were given a new set of uniforms each year. Now, newcomers start work the day they arrive and learn as they go.

-File Photo

Here in Podi, the mine remains closed. The opening of the shaft is nailed shut. The tracks leading out of the abyss have been torn up. Snow drapes large mounds of abandoned black coal. The workers, most of them migrants from elsewhere in China, have left.

Guo Junxian lost her husband, Li Jicheng, in the accident. "The whole family depended on his wages, the young and the old," Guo, 39, said from her threadbare home in a snow-covered village near Podi. "Who told us to be poor? He had no choice."

The onetime farmer turned to mining because he could not harvest enough crops to support his wife and three children. After working at three mines, he was hospitalized with a back injury.

As soon as he could get out of bed, Li went to work at the Podi mine. At first he was a cook, but the pay was low, his wife said. So he put on a helmet and went underground.

Other men in his family his brother, father-in-law and two brothers-in-law made the same choice. They have survived so far.

The day of the accident, Li left for work after lunch. Guo was expecting him back sometime after midnight, when he would eat his second hot meal of the day. She had packed him a salty pancake for the road.

The next time he emerged from the mine, it was as one of the 33 bodies burned beyond recognition.

"Their faces were torched. Their torsos were blood-red," Li Ziqi recalled as Guo sobbed in the next room, warmed by a coal stove. "The only way you could tell who they were was by reading the tag on their belt."

The Cut

CHRIS WARD

Welcome back, Westfield, how was your break? Actually I don't care but neither does anyone else who's asked you, it's merely a post-break greeting so quit boring people with details. (They won't care how your spring break was, either, but I'm sure they'll ask.)

Okay how many of you couldn't WAIT to get back to school to show off the new gear? All I wanted was world peace and a Hoobastank lunchbox. Guess which one I got…

Hey, do you know why there aren't any Wal-Marts in Afghanistan? Because there's a target on every corner.

"Avoid sexual contact while the cream is on the skin…burning, itching, penis…yeast infection…genital warts." This is what the Valtrex commercial is telling me at the insanely loud volume at which commercials are broadcast. These aren't concepts, however, which I care to consider while eating my dinner. I mean trying to. Side effects are a source of humor any other time, though… the "Most Ironic Side Effect" award goes to Rogaine, and here's why… It seems to me (and maybe some of you) that those most likely to worry about going bald are single men. Why would a single man care so much about his hairline? So he can dive into a swimming pool or jetski with confidence, as the commercial suggests? Nope. This is why "sexual dysfunction" as a possible side effect of Rogaine amuses me and I hope its amused you…

Speaking of awards, the "Biggie Smalls Award for Ugliest Rapper on BET" definitely goes to that little fat guy in Master P's "OoohWeee" wearing baby blue. Dude so ugly he looks at a grape and it turns into a raisin.

The joke goes that if you play a country song backwards then you get out of prison, your pickup truck gets fixed, your dog comes back to life and your lover returns. Perhaps if you play hip hop backwards then you kick drugs, realize that income (she like them goldiggers) is no indication of a person's worth, gain respect for the opposite sex, and renounce violence. Not that there's anything wrong with playing it forwards, except Jay Z who sucks. No seriously his style is too Lay Z.

Happy 21st Kel! (remind me to fill you in on the details of the evening…) call me the illest diva…this is for my people…American people.

Angelo says the only thing that bugs him about Superbowl Sunday is these people who show up at our apartment, don't know football (I just heard that they aren't the "LA Rams" anymore but I live here) but do know that there'll be a party. "The Superbowl is like Football Easter," he said, "It's like an atheist who shows up in church just in time for that sip of wine."

Yoko Ono has announced that she'll make available, for the first time, a previously unreleased vocal recording of John Lennon. The remaining Beatles consider reuniting for a bittersweet song tentatively titled "You've reached the Dakota, sorry we're not here to take your call, please leave a message after the tone…"

Thank you for the aid that I got from 333 in rebounding from a bad semester. Bouquet of roses in print.

Peace and balance.

C. Ward is a Voice columnist

Kevin's Korner

KEVIN HEATON

Has anyone heard where the "War on Terrorism" may lead next? As if the Iraqi people have not suffered enough in the eleven and a half years of US involvement, Bush is considering further military action. Yes, Iraq may have nuclear weapons, but that is not the fault of the people who are starving to death. The eleven and a half years of sanctions have not removed Saddam Hussein from power, and UN officials have even criticized the embargo. These include former UN Humanitarian Coordinators for Iraq, Dennis Halliday and Hans von Sponeck.

On August 16, 2001 the UN High Commission for Human Rights released a statement saying, "embargoes should be limited in time, should in no way affect innocent civilian populations and, for obvious humanitarian reasons, should be lifted even if the legitimate objectives of the measures have not yet been attained". The US is in direct violation of this policy, by continuing the sanctions.

It should be noted that Saddam Hussein, as evil as he is, was a friend of the US, until he invaded oil-rich Kuwait in 1990. In fact, the US Ambassador to Iraq, April Gilespie, told Hussein that the US would not become involved in any border dispute.

While it is true that the Iraqi government has used what little money could go to its people for its own purposes, this is not the brunt of the situation. A quarter of Iraq's legal oil revenues are given by the UN to Kuwait to pay for war reparations. While Kuwait does deserve compensation for the six-month occupation by Iraq, does anyone care about the Iraqi children who are starving?

Foreign Policy In Focus suggests ending these payments, until UNICEF and other humanitarian agencies have declared an end to the crisis. They also suggest separating economic sanctions from military sanctions and an end to UN control of contracts on imports.

In October of 1998, Congress passed the "Iraq Liberation Act," defining the ultimate goal of US policy on Iraq to be the removal of Saddam Hussein and his government from power. While the Iraqi people, and the world, would certainly be better off without Hussein, a US invasion and removal would violate international law. It is beyond me how the US expects the Iraqi people to have the strength, never mind the supplies, to achieve this feat, while they are starving to death!

In 1996, Lesley Stahl confronted then US Ambassador to the UN Madeline Albright with the reports that a half million Iraqi children had died.

Stahl: "We have heard that a half million children have died. I mean, that's more children than died in Hiroshima. And, and you know, is the price worth it?"

Albright: "I think this is a very hard choice, but the price - we think the price is worth it."

If a US official had said this about any other country, there would have been a NATIONAL OUTCRY! However, within six months of this remark, Ms. Albright was unanimously approved by the Senate as US Secretary of State.

K. Heaton is a Voice columnist

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Nose Knows...maybe

Ok, so the semester has started once again. I hope that everyone is as happy as I am about it (she says sarcastically). Actually, I am kind of glad to be back here though, so many people that I don't normally see when I'm at home. SO, I have decided to write a column that is, as some would say, like me. . . completely random. Well, what are you waiting for. . . are you going to read it or what?

KRISTINA MARTINELLI

Have you ever had a dream where all of a sudden, you find yourself sitting in your living room, but it's not exactly your living room? The walls are a different color, the furniture is different, and there are different family pictures on the wall, but you still know somehow that it's your living room.

You are sitting in a nice recliner, it's big, red, and extremely comfortable. You are extremely relaxed, almost to the point of sleeping. All of a sudden, the chair starts moving slowly towards the front wall. You're still sitting there, but are becoming more and more aware of your surroundings.

The wall in front of you opens up, actually, it turns more into a vortex. There is a black and blue swirl that keeps spinning and spinning. You start to get dizzy, but the chair keeps moving towards the wall. You sit up as the chair enters the vortex. You get a warm tingly feeling all over.

Once inside the vortex, the swirls continue to move. You look closer at them, and they are moving apart from just swirling around you. As you reach out and touch the swirls, you realize that they are snakes. They start crawling down your arm, and all over. Your heart starts to beat faster and faster. You hate snakes. Jumping from your chair, you run forward, as fast as you can. As you are running through the vortex, the snakes collapse on you as you reach the end of the tunnel.

You find yourself running on dry land now, in the middle of a desert. Something is telling you to run. When you look back, the snakes are gone, but there is a herd of elephants now on your tail. You run, like your life depended on it, but soon, you find that you can' go any further. You have come to the edge of a cliff, and the herd is still coming.

Thinking you can fly, you jump off the cliffwaving your arms wildly. Your enthusiasm quickly turns into fear as you start falling rapidly. You start screaming like a junior high boy who hasn't yet hit puberty. 'SPLAT'

Actually, it wasn't quite a 'SPLAT' it was more of a 'CUSH!' Landing in a pile of feathers, you yell for joy because you are still alive. You get up and start dancing like a little girl in what seems to be the middle of New York City. A small crowd congregates, but not much. People in New York have seen everything. When you suddenly realize what you are doing, you stop and blush heavily. You actually pee your pants.

This is when you wake up. Have you ever had a dream like that?

Neither have I.

K. Martinelli is a Voice columnist

Does Nose Know?

Dear Editor,

In your December 16th issue, Kristina Martinelli states, "To everyone who is not satisfied of late [with our anti-terrorist war policy], I want to know what your solution would be."

OK, Ms. Martinelli, you asked for it. Here's a "to-do" list for the US government:

1) Stop all aid to the Sharon regime in Israel until it is willing to treat Palestinians like human beings, and declare unconditional support for a real Palestinian state, not one run as an Israeli slave labor plantation;

2) Quit being the biggest worldwide seller of weapons of mass destruction, especially to buyers who later become our enemies;

3) Stop bombing countries that already have been bombed enough;

4) Stop enriching ourselves at the expense of the rest of the world and use our power and wealth in the global economy to make sure that the billions of poor people in the world have adequate food, clothing, and shelter;

5) End our dependence on oil with new energy policies so we don't care anymore what happens to corrupt dictatorships like Saudi Arabia;

6) Get rid of the worthless CIA, the useless "Homeland Security" agency, and the morons in the FBI, fire John Ashcroft, and find some real way of protecting ourselves against domestic and foreign terrorists without shredding the Constitution;

7) Punish the most dangerous terrorists of all: Richard Perle, Paul Wolfowitz, Donald Rumsfeld and the rest of Bush's advisors who are pushing him to start a world war to guarantee US economic and military supremacy (and his re-election), using "terrorism" as a convenient pretext. These guys make Osama bin Laden look like an amateur--and they don't even have the guts to risk their own lives in the process!

Now, Ms. Martinelli, all that is a lot harder than waving a flag and marching in a parade. But those are the policies that would end terrorism, and, incidentally, save the lives of young people like you who might otherwise end up fighting in a pointless war. I am, of course, not optimistic about President Dubya adopting these policies, if he were even smart enough to understand them. So they won't happen unless we push for them. And it is precisely your generation that needs to take the initiative; mine got you into this mess in the first place. And if you want to wave a flag while you do it, so much the better.

And by the way, a PS to Mr. Chris Ward. You state that "there are ideas being expressed in the classrooms of this campus . . . which I consider un-American." My question: How would you know?

Michael Engel
Professor, Political Science

Life (according to me).

Hey everyone. Welcome back, I hope you had a great break, that your classes are looking tolerable, and that you didn't have to sell a kidney or anything to pay for books this semester. For the first issue of this, my last semester here at WSC (oh, dry your tears; knowing me I'll fail a handful of classes and be here for another few semesters...), I figured that I would just share with you some random thoughts that I've been bouncing around throughout break. I mean, c'mon, who really wants to think this early on...

JON SEWELL

First off, I have to thank my neighbors, the delightful ladies of 3C2 for pointing this one out to me: I love how the school, in order to inform us that they will be implementing new recycling policies, sent out notices to EVERY SINGLE STUDENT. We got six of them in my apartment alone. I guess someone really wanted to pound that "save our resources" point home. Nicely done. This ranks right up there with the MassPIRG littering on the green.

OK, so in recent months, I've gotten in the habit of cutting my own hair (if you happen to sit right behind me in any classes, I would think that this is especially evident). Over break, however, my mom implored me to go to this new "stylist" she had found. Well, being the good son I am, I decided to grant her wish for me to have a nice, professional haircut, and warily visited the Harwich House of Overpriced Hair Design, or whatever it was called. Now, I know that these days haircuts are expensive. It's one of the main reasons that I bought my clippers in the first place. But 23 dollars??? If you think about it, they're TAKING your hair. I could see paying if they were ADDING some! I have to admit, though, it managed to look pretty good for nearly 3 hours. It's been downhill since then. Oh well. At least the girl who cut it was really REALLY cute, witty, and nice. So, obviously, I'll be going back. Damn.

I was able to catch up on my reading a lot this break, and one of the books I most eagerly anticipated tackling was On The Road. It was a good read. Not quite the quasi-mystical-tome-of-infinite-knowledge-and-wisdom that it's all too often made out to be, but a good read nonetheless. It sure manages to romanticize the whole hitchhiking thing. Wow, to travel in the forties! I mean, thumbing your way across the continent wasn't only legal, but it seemed to be a very viable way to get around. You had car, bus, train, or hitchhiking. How cool would that be?? What better way to see the country?? EVERYTHING was better back then!!

Except for, well, everything. But still...

Oh well, at least we have stuff like the Internet to keep us occupied, right? I mean, I bet there were times when old Jack wished he had an "instant messenger" handy to keep Ginsberg and the gang up to date on his adventures, right? Right?

sigh...

Yeah, so you know what else is no good? Being crazy about a girl, and knowing that she and her boyfriend are just about perfect for each other. So much so that you can't even bring yourself to hate the lucky stiff. So much so that you actually WANT them to stay together forever, because she looks so damn happy. Yeah, that's no good at all. I vaguely remember my mom once telling me long ago that this'll happen some day, and that when it does, I would have reached some level of maturity or something...

Man, maturity sucks.

Hey, do you like my column? Oh. Well, can you tolerate it at least? OK, cool. I've got one of those live journal things now, so if for some reason you want to know what's going on in my head the other six days of the week, check it out. Go to www.livejournal.com, and do a search for dukesewell. I can't promise I'll be updating it every day, but I'll try. I plan on using it to just throw down whatever ideas happen to come to me, so you may see some of it repeated in this here column. We'll see. And as always, you're welcome to send any column ideas, feedback, or whatever to dukesewell@hotmail.com.

All right, I guess that's about enough ranting for this week. I'll try to be more coherent in coming weeks. I'll try to make more sense, too.

I dunno, that sounded a lot funnier in my head...

Have a good week.

J. Sewell is a Voice columnist

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Black Hawk Down recruits another fan

BY ELIZABETH LAFOND
VOICE REPORTER

Mixed feelings of anger and emotion will fill your hearts and minds after watching "Black Hawk Down," an intense war movie based on America's involvement in Somalia's civil [illegible]

Ridley Scott skillfully depicts the horrors and triumphs of war in this 2 hour and 24 minute movie.

Somalia endured periods of famine, crime and war from 1991-1995. The US military intervened in order to find the top officials and stop the cause of famine that was destroying the lives of Somalian civilians.

"Black Hawk Down" is based on Mark Bowden's mission that hit the city of Mongadishu in Somalia. It is a very accurate depiction of the capture of Mohammed Farah Aidid, the militia leader causing most of the civil warfare.

At first the mission seems victorious, but things become treacherous when an American soldier falls from a dangling rope of a helicopter. Shortly after his fall, the Somalian militia shoots down two American helicopters.

The Amcrican soldiers find themselves amidst persistent attackers and rescuing each other becomes of utmost importance. The vivid pictures of warfare give viewers a portrayal of gory attacks and the ardent desire to return home safely.

Unfortunately not everyone made it home—19 Americans perished and over 1,000 Somalia militiamen, women and children were killed.

This film focuses more on the battle scenes and we don't find out about the lives of the characters. The characters on screen do he most work hard to watch for each other and use teamwork as the number one, strategy for success.

This movie is incredible! It should be recommended for all mature viewers. Because of its accuracy with the true event, it is very informative and puts the word and concept of "WAR" into perspective.

-File Photo

Josh Hartnett, star of the new war movie Black Hawk Down.

Top 6 Things Heard in the Dining Commons

6. " Isn't this what we had for breakfast a week ago?"
5. " Let's ditch this and order Domino's"
4. " Somebody tell the management that water is a free commodity."
3. " Is pizza supposed to taste like this?"
2. " You can pick up our trays, Dottie. It's your job."
1. " Are there more than 50 cups in this place?"

A Beautiful Mind, a beautiful story

BY LAURA GIBSON
VOICE REPORTER

Recently I saw *A Beautiful Mind* in the theaters. It was directed hy the magnificent Ron Howard and starred Russell Crowe as the main character John Forhes Nash Jr, a mathematician.

A Beautiful Mind is based on a true story which captivates the audience with its indepth and intriguing story.

This movie grabs your attention and doesn't let it go until the end. Ron Howard does an incredible job at keeping Nash's mental health problem secret throughout the entire film. The audience is unaware that the majority of relationships John Nash is involved in are non-existent except through the eyes of the mathematician and the audience.

Nash's life is followed through his college years until winning of the Nobel Prize. The movie travels through Nash's life from his college years to his later stages in life.

Nash marries Alicia, one of his students while teaching at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), played by Jennifer Connelly.

Health problems that include delusional schizophrenia caused him not to reach his utmost capabilities. He learns how to fight his delusions of William Parcher, a CIA agent played by Ed Harris, with support from his college roommate Charles played by Paul Bettany.

This movie is well put together. I would highly recommend it for anyone to see. It includes psychodrama and some romance.

I feel both Crowe and Harris did a great job acting; Crowe as the delusional schizophrenic and Harris as the person who is in Nash's delusions.

The concept of the movie is awesome and the acting just tops it off. It is a great story of someone who triumphs over tragedy. Although this movie kept me a bit confused as to who Nash was, I would give it four stars. It was worth the $8.75.

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Russell Crowe stars as John Forbes Nash Jr. in A Beautiful Mind.

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Cursive, a cure for the main-stream

By Jed Dion
A&E Editor

It seems the music world has given up and has decided to cram countless spin off bands down our throats. The new formula seems to be, band gets huge, five bands that sound like the first band result. But what about music fans who seek originality, or even talent for that matter?

Well, if you're really looking for originality and talent, let me direct your attention to a band called Cursive. Cursive is a great emotionally charged post hardcore band from out West.

The band's latest album "Burst and Bloom" is an excellent album, showcasing some real musical ability. What Cursive does is takes simple songs, and turns them into a real pieces of magic. Nobody ever said that complexity created beauty, because it is a matter of fact that simplicity is beauty.

After the release of last year's "Domestica," Cursive are back on the forefront of the post-hardcore/indie-rock music scene with a combination of melody and technical madness on the latest release, "Burst and Bloom," a new five song EP that not only brings back the familiar intensity of their last albums, but also introduces a new aspect of the band, a new member. Gretta Cohn is a welcome addition; adding cello to the songs of Burst and Bloom. The strings are an amazing complement to the frenetic intensity at the core of the band's sound.

-File Photo

The listener will want more with this new 5 song EP from Cursive, "Burst and Bloom." Interested listeners can pick up the EP at Newbury Comics in Amherst.

The EP starts out with "Sink to the Beat," a self-analytical song from the perspective of Cursive as a whole. This theme sets the mood for the EP, giving insight into where the band is coming from and where they are headed.

Most of the songs on the EP are longer than most of the music I listen to, but I found that I enjoyed the long instrumental parts. They were different and not repetitive at all. The production on this album is great and the songs are much more interesting on "Burst and Bloom" than on "Domestica."

I also really liked the sound of the strings added in with the music. It sounded good behind the slower parts and it sounded even better behind the harder parts on the album.

My personal favorite song on the album is the last track, titled "Fairytales, Telltales." This song comes on heavy with loud guitars and then breaks into a sweet chorus. It brings you back and forth between moods so that by the time you've hit the bridge you're all charged up. Because it is Cursive's signature to surprise the listener, the bridge ditches the instruments. Only vocals cut through the silence before launching back into the heavy verse.

Older fans of Cursive will no doubt attach themselves to this album, as it shares many of the same qualities as previous releases.

New fans will discover that Cursive is a little different from your average rock band. They combine elements of post punk and hardcore and throw in a bunch of random stuff to make for a purely enjoyable album. Too bad it's only five songs long. Some might have trouble finding this album in stores. I recommend checking out Newbury Comics in Amherst.

Fiddler

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loved Motel, the poor tailor, and they promised each other they would get married. This was unheard of at the time.

Motel asked Tevye if he could marry Tzietel and Tevye said yes. To convince his wife, Golde, that the match with Motel was the right one, he created an elaborate dream sequence that played on Golde's superstitious side.

Most of the major actions of the play are portrayed in musical numbers such as, "Matchmaker, Matchmaker" and "The Dream." In "The Dream," Derby said that they will be using some special effects that will "look really cool."

The entire town of Anatevka's strong traditions can be heard and seen in the opening number of the show – "Tradition."

Tevye and the other fathers of the town sign; "Who, day and night, must scramble for a living, Feed a wife and children, say his daily prayers? And who has the right, as master of the house, to have the final word at home? The Papa, the Papa! Tradition."

Assistant Director Carrie Janik said, "This is a timeless story about family, friends and love that everyone will relate to."

"The play also deals with the conflict between the Jewish population and the czar of Russia, who has them under his thumb," Cassidy said.

Janik, a senior, said she urges everyone that can attend to come to one of the performances.

Sophomore Tracy Lynn Cattanach said, "The cast has put a lot of hard work into this production, and hopefully it will be a great show."

"The cast is tighter than ever and very talented, so this has been a real fun experience," said Cattanach, who has appeared in two other musical productions at WSC.

Cassidy, a senior, said, "This year has been more difficult than plays before because 18 of the 25 cast members are new to the Musical Theatre Guild and mainly freshman.

"It's been a lot of fun because I have been able to mold the new cast members," said Cassidy.

Fiddler on the Roof will be presented by the Musical Theatre Guild of WSC on February 7-9 in Dever Auditorium.

The performances will be at 7:00 p.m. with a matinee at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets cost $2 for students, $6 for adults and $4 for alumni and seniors. They will be sold at the door or in advance at the Ely Campus Center Teller Window. You can call (413)562-0434 with any questions.

Cassidy, Janik and the entire cast said they hope they see all of the old faces as well as many new ones filling the entire auditorium.

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

MTG will be performing Fiddler on the Roof in Dever Auditorium from February 7 - February 9. Tickets will be $2 for students, $6 for adults, and $4 for alumni and seniors.

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Corr, Zamora Honored By D3.football.com

Josue Zamora and Tim Corr - defensive standouts for the Westfield State football championship team - were selected as All Americans by the D3football.com website.

Zamora was a third-team selection at linebacker, and Corr received All America honorable mention recognition as a defensive end.

Zamora had a spectacular season for the Owls (see related story) as did Corr, a fifth-year senior from Duxbury. The 6-4, 215-pound end established school career records for tackles by an interior lineman (229), fumble recoveries (9), sacks (28 1/2), fumbles caused (6), and tackles for losses (55). He also set a record for sacks in a season (10 in 1999).

Zamora, Lyman Selected Division 3 All-Americans

By Mickey Curtis, SID

Westfield State College added another chapter to its story book football season as it was recently that two of the championship team's star players were named to the 2001 Hewlett-Packard Division III All-America Football Team.

Josue Zamora of Hartford, Conn. (Weaver High School) was a first-team All American linebacker and running back Shawn Lyman of West Springfield was an honorable mention selection.

"This is not only a great honor for Josue and Shawn but a great honor for the football program and the college as well," said Westfield State head coach Steve Marino. "They both had outstanding individual seasons, but they will be the first to say that these are team awards. They realize the team was responsible for a lot of their individual honors this season."

Westfield State posted the first perfect regular season in the program's 20-year history, going 10-0 in capturing its first New England Football Conference championship. The Owls - who were ranked first nationally in total defense and No. 2 in passing defense - also qualified for their first NCAA Tournament.

Zamora made an incredible impact in his first year of collegiate football. The 5-10, 220-pound senior received the Gold Helmet Award as the best player in New England Divisions II and III. In addition, he was the unanimous selection as Defensive Player of the Year in the 13-team New England Football Conference.

"Josue is a great player, no question about it," said Marino. "He has great quickness and is always around the ball."

Lyman was the third leading rushing in NCAA Division III this season, averaging 145.2 yards per game. He led the Owls in scoring with 14 touchdowns and was a first-team All New England selection.

"Shawn being selected an All American is impressive, especially with all he had to do this semester," said Marino. "And he averaged nearly 30 carries a game."

Lyman's senior season almost ended abruptly after the fourth game when he was called to active military duty at Westover Air Reserve Base in Chicopee. Despite working 60-65 hours per week at the base, Lyman continued to carry a full course load while carrying the Owls to their championship season.

"Shawn was an inspiration to every player on the team," said Marino.

The 24th annual All-America teams were selected by a panel of 30 sports information directors representing the four regions in NCAA Division III. Voters made first-, second-, and third-team selections with candidates receiving points on a 25-15-10 scale.

"There are three or four different groups that select Division Three All America teams but the Hewlitt-Packard All America team is the most prestigious and the most creditable," said Westfield State sports information director Mickey Curtis, who is a voting member in the East Region.

Zamora received the fourth most votes at linebacker, a highly competitive position with 73 nominees. Lyman received the ninth most votes at running back.

The ballot included 423 players representing 160 of the 228 NCAA Division III (non-scholarship) football-playing institutions.

Westfield State now has five players who have been honored by the sports information directors. The Owls' other All Americans are: West Springfield native Jamie Shankle (honorable mention, kick returner, 1989); Jeff Stackpole (second team, tight end, 1987), and John Crowley (honorable mention, defensive line, 1985).

Four other players from New England made this year's Hewlett-Packard All-America squad: Plymouth State's John Walters (third team tight end); Amherst's Pat McGee (third team defensive line); Tufts' Mike Willey (honorable mention offensive guard); and Curry's Alfonzo Dixon (honorable mention defensive back).

Shawn Lyman, Coach Steve Marino, Josue Zamora, and Tim Corr display the awards they received at the New England Football sportswriters banquet. Lyman, Zamora and Corr were recently selected to All America teams in a fitting end to the Owls' highly successful football season.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

Josue Zamora and coach Steve Marino shared a few moments with former Patriot standout and NFL Hall of Famer John Hannah at the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston banquet held in early January. Hannah was the featured speaker, while Zamora and Marino picked up impressive trophies for being selected the Club's New England Division 2/3 defensive player of the year and coach of the year.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

GRIDIRON CLUB
GREATER BOSTON

Josue Zamora had many words of thanks after receiving his award as the New England Division 2-3 defensive player of the year. Sitting at the far right is Harvard head coach Tim Murphy, who was selected the New England Division I coach of the year. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

NEW ENGLAND

Eleven members of the Westfield State College football team were named to the New England Football Conference all conference team. In the first row, left to right, are; Alan Gates, Aaron Ragland, Mike Hurteau, Shawn Lyman, coach Steve Marino. Second row: Doug Kaczmarczyk, Matt Yvon, Tim Corr, assistant coach Pete "Killer" Kowalski. Third row: Dave Duquette, Ryan Clifford, and Josue Zamora. Missing is Rob Byrne.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

2001 Football - Individual Honors

Hewlett Packard First Team All American - Josue Zamora (linebacker)
Hewlett Packard Honorable Mention All American - Shawn Lyman (r-back)
D3football.com Third Team All American - Josue Zamora (linebacker)
D3football.com Honorable Mention All American - Tim Corr (defensive end)
New England Writers Gold Helmet Division 2/3 Player of the Year:
Josue Zamora
Gridiron Club of Greater Boston Division 2/3 Defensive Player of the Year:
Josue Zamora
New England Football Writers Division 2/3 All New England Team
Tim Corr (def. line); Shawn Lyman (running back); Josue Zamora (linebacker)
ECAC Division 3 All New England All-Stars
First Team - Shawn Lyman (running back); Josue Zamora (linebacker)
Second Team: Matt Yvon (wide receiver); Dave Duquette (offensive line); Tim Corr (defensive line); Ryan Clifford (defensive back)
Honorable Mention: Doug Kaczmarcyzk (offensive line)
***Football Gazette* Division 3 All-East Region Team**
First Team: Ryan Clifford (defensive back); Tim Corr (defensive end)
Third Team: Shawn Lyman (running back)
New England Football Conference 2001 All-Conference Team
First Team: Ryan Clifford (defensive back); Tim Corr (defensive line); Josue Zamora (linebacker); Dave Duquette (offensive line); Doug Kaczmarczyk (offensive line); Shawn Lyman (running back); Matt Yvon (wide receiver)
Second Team: Alan Gates (d-back); Mike Hurteau (linebacker); Rob Byrne (center)
Honorable Mention: Aaron Ragland (defensive back); Tim Corr (punter)
Hal Chalmers Scholar-Athlete Award: Shawn Lyman
NEFC Defensive Player of the Year: Josue Zamora
Westfield State College Football Special Achievement Awards
Outstanding Contributor - David Eaton
12th Player Award - George Emanuel
Lineman of the Year - Tim Corr
Defensive Player of the Year - Josue Zamora
Offensive Player of the Year - Shawn Lyman
Head Coach Steve Marino
AFCA Northeast Region Coach of the Year
Gridiron Club of Greater Boston Division 2/3 Coach of the Year
New England Football Writers Division 2/3 Coach of the Year
New England Football Conference Coach of the Year

Veteran women's swimming and diving coach Dave Laing receives a plaque from athletics director Ken Magarian after his 100th career victory on Tuesday, Jan. 29. Photo By Mickey Curtis

Laing Records 100th Career Swim Victory

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State College women's swimming and diving team defeated Saint Joseph College, Conn., 142-125, on Tuesday, Jan. 29, to give veteran head coach Dave Laing his 100th career victory.

Laing now has a 100-76-1 record in his 20 years at Westfield State, including a 95-55 record the past 16 seasons. The Owls, 3-4 this season with two meets remaining, have posted eight consecutive winning seasons.

Double winners for Westfield were Jenny Gilbert in the 50 backstroke (31.49) and 100 backstroke (1:10.84), and Kim MacKenzie in the 50 breaststroke (36.95) and 100 breaststroke (1:18.43).

Also registering victories were Kristie Webster of West Springfield in the 400 individual medley (5:24.99); Nicole Spataro in the 100 butterfly (1:10.07); Kelly Reardon in the one-meter diving (166.0), and the 200 medley relay team of Gilbert, MacKenzie, Spataro and Dana LedDuke.

Finishing second for the Owls were: Nicole Acheson (200 freestyle), Spataro (50 backstroke), Colleen Boisvert (100 butterfly), Heather Nelson (50 freestyle), Clare Counoyer (one meter diving), and MacKenzie (100 freestyle).

Westfield's final dual meet of the season is Wednesday, Feb. 6, when it hosts Salem State at 6:00 p.m.

Men's, Women's Basketball Report

Men's College Basketball
Bridgewater 70 - Westfield 63

BRIDGEWATER - The Westfield State men's basketball team suffered its fifth straight loss as it was beaten by Bridgewater State, 70-63, on Tuesday, Jan. 29.

The Owls dropped to 7-11 overall and 3-4 in the Mass. State Conference. Bridgewater is 9-10 and 4-3.

Behind the hot shooting of Phil Conners, the Owls led at halftime, 28-25. Conners scored 11 of his team-high 19 points in the first half as he connected on all three of his 3-point attempts. He also made both of his 3-point attempts in the second half.

Bridgewater outscored Westfield 45-35 in the second half as the Bears shot 58 percent from the field.

Ethan Slavin scored 14 points in Westfield's balanced attack, including 4 of 7 from 3-point range. Chris Gonynor - a 6-8 freshman center from Orange - tallied 12 points and Leonard Miller had 10.

The Owls again were outscored from the foul line as they were whistled for 25 fouls. Westfield was 10 for 12 from the charity stripe but Bridgewater made 19 of 33 free throws. Also, Westfield committed 21 turnovers to Bridgewater's 12.

Women's Basketball
Bridgewater 57 - Westfield 51

BRIDGEWATER - A hot-shooting Bridgewater State women's basketball team outscored Westfield State, 57-51, on Tuesday, Jan. 29.

The Bridgewater victory snapped a 26-game losing streak to Westfield dating back to the 1990 season. The Bears improved to 10-8 overall and 4-3 in the conference. Westfield is 7-12 and 4-3.

Westfield led 18-17 at halftime as both teams shot 27 percent from the field. In the second half, however, Bridgewater shot a sizzling 60 percent from the field (12 for 20) in defeating Westfield State for the first time in 12 years.

For the game the Bears also shot well from the foul line (12 for 14) and 3-point range (7 for 12). Lora O'Connell finished with a game-high 23 points, including five 3-point baskets.

Juniors Brenda Knott and Alissa Tedesco both scored 15 points for Westfield. Melissa Cote came off the bench to grab 10 rebounds. Leading scorer A.J. LaBelle had an off shooting night and finished with six points, but she had eight rebounds and seven steals.

Men's College Basketball
Mass. College 82 - Westfield 77

WESTFIELD - Pat Reardon - a 6-10 junior center from Springfield (Central High School) - had 25 points and 14 rebounds as Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts outlasted Westfield State, 82-77, on Saturday, Jan. 26.

MCLA led 32-24 at halftime and expanded its lead to 18 points, 53-35, with 12:30 remaining in the game. But sparked by a scoring explosion from senior guard Phil Conners (Lowell), along with a fullcourt pressure defense, the Owls quickly cut into the large lead.

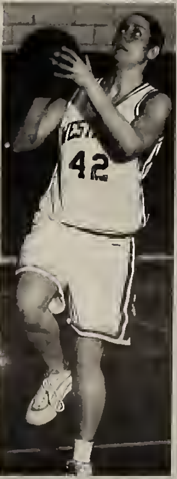
Conners scored 13 consecutive points, including three 3-point baskets, in a 1:38 stretch, as the Owls closed to within six, 66-60, with 6:06 remaining.

Westfield took its first of two leads, 75-74, but couldn't pull off the complete comeback.

Conners scored a career-high 25 points, including 5 of 10 from 3-point range.

Women's Basketball
Westfield 66 - Mass. College 44

WESTFIELD - Junior forward Nicole Seelander of Easthampton recorded career highs of 16 points and 14 rebounds to lead the Westfield State past Mass. College of Liberal Arts.



Westfield State senior A.J. LaBelle scored her 1,000th career point on Dec. 12. LaBelle now has 1,145 career points to move into sixth place on the all-time list.

Student-Athletes Needed For TEAM READ

The athletics department is looking for student-athletes to volunteer for the TEAM READ community service project. Student-athletes will be serving as "Homework Assistants" at the Westfield Boys and Girls Library on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Nancy Bals, assistant athletics director, is seeking volunteers to work two time slots on those days: 3:30 to 5:30 and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Nancy can be reached in Ely 246 or at extension 5515.

Indoor Track, Field Results

Williams Relays - Jan. 26, 2002

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: MIT 253; Williams 198; RPI 97; Westfield 40.

SECOND: Ryan Fregeau, 200, 23.18.
FOURTH: Mat LeMaire, 55 hurdles, 8.17; Ryan Fregeau, 55 dash, 6.8; Josh Lewbel, long jump, 21-5; 4 x 800 relay, 9:04.03.
FIFTH: Tom Gilbert, 20 lb. Weight, 45-0; Chris Allie, triple jump, 42-8.
SIXTH: Chris Allie, 400, 53.7.
SEVENTH: Kyle Piazze, shot put, 43-1.
EIGHTH: Tom Bousquet, 1500, 4:15.51; Chris Hume, 400, 54.10; Jim Foley, high jump, 5-9; Peter King, shot put, 41-3.

WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: Williams 266.5; MIT 197; RPI 111; Westfield 18.5

FOURTH: Abbey Leffond, shot put, 37-11.
FIFTH: Abbey Laffond, 20 lb weight throw, 39-0; KellyRose O'Brien, 65.92.
SIXTH: Aimee Worcester, 600, 1:55.04.
SEVENTH: Andrea Sawter, 1000, 3:45.75.
EIGHTH: Sue Lynch, high jump, 4-3.

Ice Hockey Squad Slaps Central Conn.

The Westfield State College hockey team routed Central Connecticut State, 12-2, on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at Amelia Park.

The convincing victory avenged a 6-4 loss to Central Connecticut 11 days earlier.

The Owls erupted for six first-period goals, and had seven different scorers in the game.

Bobby Shaw, Marc McGuire, Alan Donnelly, Ardjent Kalezic and James Carapella all had a pair of goals. Kalezic also was credited with three assists. Recording two assists were Mike Palazzola, Matt Stone and Ryan Lawless.

Goalie Ardian Kalezic picked up fifth win, improving his record to 5-3-2.

The Owls are 3-0-1 since the Jan. 19 loss to Central Connecticut.

"That loss to Central sparked something," said coach Brian Ward. "We are not the same team we were two weeks ago. These guys have faced a lot of adversity this season and they are responding," said Ward.

The Owls now own a 7-9-2 overall record, including a 4-3 home mark. They play this Friday at the University of Delaware and Saturday at Drexel University in Philadelphia.

Westfield's next home game is Saturday, Feb. 16, vs. Nichols College at 5:30 p.m.

Westfield 5 - Navy 5

ANNAPOLIS, Md. - The Westfield State ice hockey team battled to a 5-5 tie with Navy on Saturday, Jan. 26.

Westfield jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead, then Navy scored four unanswered goals for a 4-2 lead early in the third period.

. Westfield scored three goals in the third period, two on the powerplay, to deadlock the score at 5-5. The Owls outshot the Midshipmen in overtime but could not break the tie.

Westfield State goaltender Ardy Kalezic played extremely well, stopping 38 shots. Ryan Lawless scored the tying goal late in the game at the 2:36 mark. Also scoring were Mike Palazzola (two goals), Bobby Shaw and Alan Donnelly.

Keith Nadeau, Mike Palazzola and Marc McGuire each had an assist, while Bobby Shaw and Ardjent Kalezic had a pair of assists. Kevin Pelkey, Matt Stone and Keith Nadeau anchored the defense.

"This was a big test for us, and we passed," said coach Brian Ward. "This team, for the second game in a row, showed character, perseverance and heart. Beating the Naval Academy at home is not an easy thing to do. We had our chances in overtime to win, but just could not convert.

"Navy was extremely hard working and disciplined in its systems," he continued. "Surprisingly, they lost their discipline in the third period and we cashed in on two powerplay goals. I told the team before the game that we must match their work ethic and discipline to win. We accomplished that, and then some "

Westfield 9 - Lehigh 4

BETHLEHEM, Pa. - The Westfield State hockey team defeated Lehigh University for the second time this season by a 9-4 score on Sunday, Jan. 27.

There were seven different goal scorers for Westfield State, including a pair from Alan Donnelly and Ardjent Kalezic. Keith Nadeau, Steve Savage, Mike Palazzola, and Ken Hetzel each added a goal. Kevin Pelkey tallied three assists, while Matt Stone racked up four assists. Bobby Shaw and Alan Donnelly each had a pair of assists, and Ryan Lawless and Ardjent Kalezic each had one.

Westfield converted on 6 of 10 powerplays while allowing no scores by Lehigh on its seven powerplay opportunities. Dustin Durej picked up his second consecutive win, stopping 33 shots.

"We finished them off in the third period when we turned it up a notch. When we played our game we dominated, especially on the man advantage. This was a good confidence booster for a few of the guys, especially for our powerplay units," said Ward.

Welcome Back

Time to shed some of those holiday pounds.......

Play Intramurals.

Fun for all!!

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Men's and Women's Indoor Soccer
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The Weekly Cr□ssw□rd Puzzle

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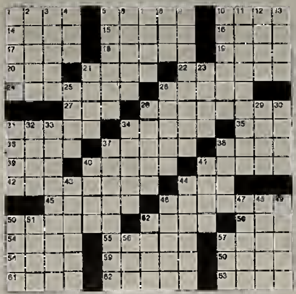

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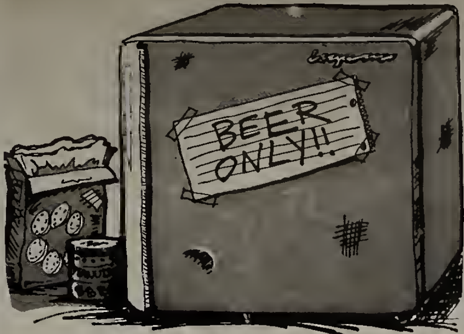

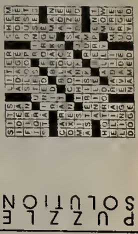

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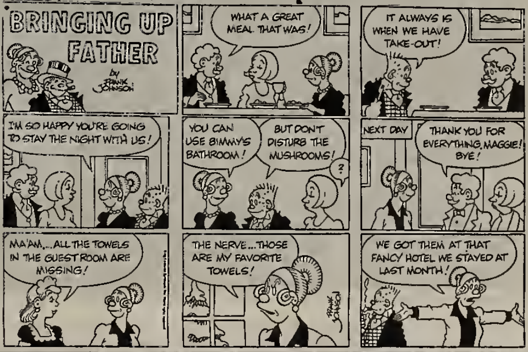
BRINGING UP FATHER
by FRANK JOHNSON
WHAT A GREAT MEAL THAT WAS!
IT ALWAYS IS WHEN WE HAVE TAKE-OUT!
I'M SO HAPPY YOU'RE GOING TO STAY THE NIGHT WITH US!
YOU CAN USE BIMMY'S BATHROOM!
BUT DON'T DISTURB THE MUSHROOMS!
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NEXT DAY
THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING, MAGGIE! BYE!
MA'AM,...ALL THE TOWELS IN THE GUEST ROOM ARE MISSING!
THE NERVE...THOSE ARE MY FAVORITE TOWELS!
FRANK JOHNSON
WE GOT THEM AT THAT FANCY HOTEL WE STAYED AT LAST MONTH!

Personals

Can I get a refill on my coffee?

Stupid girls who don't know anything should just shutup.

Brent, why'd you get so mad? It was only twice.

Once again I put my foot in my mouth.

Why are all the best looking boys with the nasty looking girls?

I heard that if you guzzle two quarts of mustard, your breath would still not be as bad as yours.

Get that tuna away from me.

K, You're a fine piece of a$$!!! -Rochey

Hey Adam...wanna quit?

Boooo to you!!!

<3<3 Timmy I love you hunnay <3<3 S.D.

A lot of beer + ice cream = a lot of puking.

Ryan is the single most terrifying, unsetting coffee house performer ever.

Aria!

Corrigan's got big nuts!

Meg P. and Dan Duquette need to have a little talk! We need some players!

Hello my beautiful Princess Buttercup.

"your guitar is my background music." haha wobbles.

Will that blonde girl stop spanking me?

For a million dollars I would do whatever Marnie tells me to.

Tyler, it's your turn to do the dishes.

"I love fat chicks" - Gebo

Emery has Mr. Fuzzy Nuts. I love him.

The 3B1 Girls are fine!

The cop during the day is hot!

Smelly Kellie in Courtney, You need an air freshener clung to your arse!

My roommate kills every phone.

What you talkin' bout?

hey Furrey: Your mom!

Ryan Clifford is over rated!

No, Becca is from France because there is meat in those pants.

Hey boy in Scanlon 313 goes out with a plus size model.

Megan K. eats poop, and likes it!

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

USEFUL INFORMATION

JUST THE PLAIN FAX

AS SGT. JOE FRIDAY USED TO SAY– "JUST THE PLAIN FAX MA'AM." A PUBLIC FAX MACHINE HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN THE ELY CAMPUS CENTER MAIN LOUNGE. INSTRUCTIONS ARE EASY TO FOLLOW. PRICES ARE OUTLINED FOR EACH USAGE.

WANT SOME CULTURE?

Check out Springfield Symphony Orchestra schedule at the Campus Center Service Window. Student vouchers for $6

NEED A WASH?

Golden Nozzle car wash coupons on sale for $4 at the Campus Center Service Window. Make your car happy and clean!

NEED CASH FAST?

Fleet Bank ATM located in Ely Campus Center Main Level.

DON'T FORGET!

Get your Fall ID stickers at the Campus Center Service Window

GOING SOMEWHERE?

Bus /Train information available at the Campus Center Service Window

ELY CAMPUS CENTER GAMES

Games are located in Ely 131. You must present your student ID in order to take games out. CARDS, CRIBBAGE, DOMINOES, GUESSTURES, LIFE, MANCALA, PICTIONARY, RISK, SCRABBLE, SCATTERGORIES, TABOO, TRI BOND, UNO, YAHTZEE

Activities Line: x5840 / Info Line: x5440 / Class Cancellation Line: x5411

Dining Commons
Mon-Thurs 7:30a-7:00p Fri 7:30a-6p
Weekends 10:30a-1:30p & 4:30p-6p

Health Services
(Nurse on duty) Sun 4p - Fri 4p
Sat 10a-6p
(Dr. on duty) Mon-Fri 10:30a-1p

Wellness Center
Mon-Wed 7a-10p Thur 7a-9p Fri 7a-7p
Sat 1p-6p Sunday 4p-9p
x5500 pool info

Library Hours
Mon-Thur 8a-11p;
Fri 8a-5pm
Sat 1pm-6pm;
Sun 1pm-9pm

Bookstore
Call x5657
For Hours of Operation

Subway
Mon-Fri 8a-11p
Sat 12p-11p Sun 1p-11p

Events are free & open to the entire college community unless otherwise noted. To have events published on The Back Page please
E-mail thecampusvoice@hotmail.com

WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events

Mon 2/4	5:30 p.m.	Campus Activities Board	SGA Office
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Osmosis Jones"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Scary Movie 2"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Tue 2/5	5:00 p.m.	"How to help a friend who is Grieving"	Scanlon Living Room
	5:30 p.m.	Student Government Association	SGA Office
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Jurassic Park 3"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Remember the Titans"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Wed 2/6	5:00 p.m.	Mid Week Musicale	Dever Auditorium
	7:00 p.m.	Coffee House	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "American Pie 2"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Swordfish"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Thur 2/7	4:00 p.m.	Soul Food Dinner	Dining Commons
	7:00 p.m.	"Fiddler on the Roof"	$$ Dever Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Best Man"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Higher Learning"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Fri 2/8	7:00 p.m.	"Fiddler on the Roof"	$$ Dever Auditorium
	7:00 p.m.	Senior Night "99 Days Until Graduation"	Third World Room
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Tomb Raider"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Scary Movie 2"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Sat 2/9	1:00 p.m.	"Fiddler on the Roof"	$$ Dever Auditorium
	7:00 p.m.	"Fiddler on the Roof"	$$ Dever Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Tomb Raider"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Scary Movie 2"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Sun 2/10	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Tomb Raider"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Scary Movie 2"	Cable Channels 56 & 57

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Matchmaker, matchmaker make me a match

MTG performs "Fiddler on the Roof"

Graduation speaker named

Class of 2002 will hear farewell words from Dean of Mount Holyoke

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

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Journey comes to an end

By Elizabeth LaFond
Voice Staff

I nervously enter Room 223 in Bates Hall on a warm September morning, eager to attend my first class of the semester at Westfield State College. I take a seat close to the front of the classroom, and grab my blue WSC binder from my backpack. Professor Diana enters the room with classic black slacks and suit coat, blonde curly hair, sophisticated dark rimmed glasses, and introduces our class.

She removed a piece of chalk from her briefcase and wrote "Major American Writers" on the blackboard. As she began to speak, her words left her lips in an eloquent manner, which attracted everyone's attention. Each syllable of each word was perfectly pronounced.

She began with, "Welcome to Major American Writers. This class

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-Photo by Kelly Clarke

Wednesday night coffeehouses started back up for the semester last week. A variety of student performers kept the Ely crowd entertained all night. Turn to Page 10 for the story.

New recycling program kicks off on campus

By Adrienne Lamplough
Managing Editor

Westfield State College has joined other area colleges in on-campus recycling, which will kick off in the upcoming weeks.

WSC has looked at other colleges in the area to see what program works better than others. Of the schools looked at, Smith College was found to have the best recycling program. WSC took ideas from that program and added some of our own, James Rovezzi, staff assistant of Environmental Services, said.

"We have a program that is the best of both worlds," Rovezzi said.

Students need to get involved, trained and on board with the program to make the recycling program work, Rovezzi said.

"We want students to participate, this is an environmentally sound thing to do," Rovezzi said. "Students recycle at home and a lot of people want to save the environment and participate."

There will be 95 and 45 gallon recycling containers available, making up four different categories; mixed paper, newspaper, cardboard, and cans and bottles. These containers will be in the residence halls along with Bates, Wilson, Parenzo and Ely.

Each dorm room will receive a 14-gallon container where recyclable products will be stored until disposal

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Students rally in Super Bowl celebration

By Meg Canning
News Editor

They yelled and chanted, toilet-papered the Apartment Complex and even dangled from the trees Sunday night. About 350 Westfield State College students rallied in the Apartment Complex courtyard to celebrate the New England Patriots' big Super Bowl win, 20-17, over the St. Louis Rams.

"Wow, I can't believe they won!," senior Jennifer Plourd said. "That was a great game!"

Criminal Justice major Michael Rapoza woke up Monday morning with a sore throat and neck. "I had a good time," he said.

Earlier that day, WSC students rushed to The Big Y and Super Stop & Shop to buy munchies for the day and late into the evening. Subway even ran out of sandwich meat. WSC was a hungry bunch Sunday.

Foghorns were already blowing around 1 p.m., more than 5 hours before the kickoff. Westfield State was ready for Super Bowl XXXVI.

Groups of friends plopped in front of their televisions for 8+ hours, watching the pre-game shows and anticipating the commercials, and of course the game. And what a game it was.

During the Patriots' 42-year franchise, anticipation for a World Championship title has been growing. In front of almost 73,000 fans at Superdome and over 800 million viewers worldwide, they finally did it. They won, and how sweet it is.

The Patriots' win shocked New England. The last time Boston celebrated a championship was 16 years ago when the Celtics won the NBA title. The last time WSC students rallied in the apartment courtyard was two years ago when the Red Sox made it to the play-offs.

Last Sunday night's win served as a great social equalizer, the Boston Globe wrote. It

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-Photo by Meg Canning

Students celebrating the Patriots' Super Bowl win in the Apartment complex courtyard last Sunday.

WSC celebrates black history month

By Tom Perron
Assistant Editor

Westfield State College (WSC) is sponsoring various activities throughout the month of February to celebrate Black History Month.

Arthur Jackson, Vice President of Student Affairs, said this is the fifteenth year WSC has held activities in celebration of Black History Month.

"Black History Month is important for all cultures to gain an appreciation of multiculturalism, combat racism, sexism, homophobia and all types of discrimination, and to understand students' role as a global citizen," Jackson said.

Black History Month is a celebration of what minorities have accomplished, Associate Director of the Campus Center Andrew Johnson said.

"These activities explore African-American arts and culture and recognize the achievements of the college's African American students," Johnson said.

The celebration and observance of Black History Month in North America began in 1926, initiated by Carter G. Woodson, author of "Miseducation of the Negro."

"It's been decided that February is Black History Month," Johnson said. "It should not be a month, but a year round celebration."

Some of the upcoming events include: "Wild Women Don't Have the Blues," a video and discussion, on February 12 at 7 p.m. in the Third World Room; "Eyes of the Prize: A Nation of Laws," a video and discussion, in the Third World Room at 6:30 p.m. on February 13; "Toni Morrison," a video and

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COMMEMORATING
BLACK HISTORY
MONTH
A NEW POLITICS OF SEXUALITY

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

A poster exhibit in Ely is part of the celebration of Black History Month.

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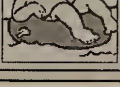

Can Mandy Moore sing *and* act? Turn to Page 11 for the review of her movie "A Walk to Remember."

Changes in next year's housing accomodations discussed at SGA

By Alison Close
Voice Reporter

For students planning to live on campus next year, many alterations will be made to the current housing accommodations which were discussed at the Student Government Association meeting last Tuesday, February 6, 2002.

Director of Residential Life Jon Conlogue explained these new changes and policies. "If you are expecting to live on campus next year, you need to pay your $150 deposit on or before March 1, 2002," Conlogue said.

"If it comes in a few days late, due to demand, we will not be able to make exceptions. If you don't get it in, you will not get housing," Conlogue said.

Students will get the Housing Gazette next week and are urged to "read the housing gazette carefully... it gives hints on how to get the housing you want," Conlogue said.

Another change is that there will be no designated First Year Experience Seminar sections and floors next year, Conlogue said. "We will do clusters of sections in most residence halls instead."

The Living and Learning section will be in Lammers Hall, section A2, and quiet living will also be in Lammers, section B2. In addition, the Wellness Unit in Courtney Hall will be moving to Lammers Hall. "Lammers will hold a lot of our special living units," Conlogue explained.

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Jon Conlogue, Director of Residential Life

Conlogue said there will be a few less smoking sections next year as well. He added that there has been some talk of completely smoke-free residence halls.

Conlogue finally stated that one additional change in the housing accommodations includes a different same room retention tactic for those currently living in the apartments. Students can now do apartment retention with any six people in the apartments. The retention process will guarantee those students an apartment for the upcoming year.

Another change for Westfield State includes the school's curriculum. Bob McDonald of the Curriculum Committee said that 40 courses are currently up for review.

He explained that some might be added to the common core, changes in course descriptions may take place and the committee may be getting rid of some courses as well. These upcoming changes will be discussed on March 4 at 3:30 p.m. in Parenzo Room 202.

In other news, the WSC Foundation is giving out $15,000 in grants for student organizations. Those interested need to write the foundation a two-page letter describing reasons they would like the money.

Career Services and Residential Life is sponsoring a dining etiquette dinner, which will be held Feb. 20 in the Scanlon Banquet Hall at 5 p.m. Tickets are $6 and include a 7-course meal.

"It's really good to go to if you are going into an internship," Class of 2002 Representative to Senate Elizabeth Johansson said. "It's better food than the D.C.," she joked.

February 20, 2002, will be the next Blood Drive.

Keep a look out for Valentine condom-grams that will be on sale in dorms soon.

Vice President of Programming Angela LaPierre said the WSKB concert held last Saturday raised over $700 for the campus radio station.

Dever Auditorium will be holding Recycled Percussion, similar to STOMP, on Sunday, March 3. The price of admission is $1.

For commuters, there are several upcoming events, including a breakfast on Feb. 14 followed by a Pizza Giveaway on March 5.

Lastly, for all those interested in finding a mate, the Class of 2005 is hosting Singled Out on Feb. 13 at 9:30 p.m. in Ely Main Lounge. The cost is $1.

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From the Editor's Desk

Triumph of a Team

The sense of overwhelming pride and happiness that have recently swept over all of New England, and especially Massachusetts, has been felt by nearly everyone. No matter whom I ask, whether they're a jock or a geek, a football fan or one that dismisses the sport as silly and barbaric, they all are proud of our Pats.

The Patriots this season were the type of sports team that is hard to come by. Sure, there was the whole Terry Glenn thing, but we didn't let one crybaby ruin it for the rest of us. The rest of the Patriots organization, however, including players, coaches, and owner Bob Kraft, were the type of role models tha children can and should look up to. While most professional athletes seem to be concerned only about themselves, and are in it for the riches, the Patriots were a group that played for the pure love of the sport. They loved their team, and they wanted only what was best for their group as a whole.

When the Patriots were introduced at the Super Bowl, they wanted to be introduced as a team. To hear this and see them run out together after hearing the individual names of the Rams gave me the feeling that although statistically the Patriots may not have been the best team, they deserved their win. They showed up as a team, played as a team, and won as a team.

The best example of this team spirit was embodied in former superstar quarterback Drew Bledsoe. When the young Tom Brady stepped in for Bledsoe after an injury and impressed us all, earning the starting QB position, Bledsoe not only accepted Belichick's decision, but was there to good-heartedly coach and mentor his young successor. We all saw Bledsoe's joy after his critical win against Steelers, and it was obvious that he wanted nothing more than to go out and play in the Super Bowl. Still, he again showed true sportsmanship by accepting Belichick's decision to start Brady, and cheering for his teammate, offering him advice from the sidelines.

It's been a while since New Englanders have known victory. And while we may not know this feeling again for a long time, I hope that we continue to feel pride at the heart, spirit, and teamwork of our sports teams. Perhaps the Red Sox can learn a few things from the Patriots and start to work together as a team. Maybe they can learn to play because they love the sport and can't imagine doing anything else but play baseball. Who knows, if it worked for the Patriots, maybe the curse will finally be broken and we'll be celebrating the Sox winning the World Series. As a team.

Laura Cyr
Editor-In-Chief

Recycle

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into the main containers located throughout the dorms, Rovezzi said.

"Everything is labeled, the tops are lockable and there shouldn't be any contamination. We are relying on the students to help us out," said Rovezzi.

If non-recyclable products are found in the recycle containers, the building will be charged in a cumulative building fee structure. This fee structure is found in the handbook, said Rovezzi.

WSC has been planning a recycling program for some time and The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regulates the solid waste program in Massachusetts. The DEP wants state institutions to recycle 46 percent of its waste, said Rovezzi.

"We want to get on board quick," Rovezzi said. "Our goal is to recycle 25 percent in the first year. Twenty-five percent is a good goal in the first year, not unachievable but a good goal," he said.

Initially the program won't save money, but eventually a truck will be purchased where the college can dispose of the recyclable products and be given a great rebate, said Rovezzi.

"I think students will go for the idea. It's a good idea if it's going to help the college in the long run and save money in fees," said senior Mike Souza.

Some students will be lazy with the recycling program and some students will really take advantage of it, Souza said

Rovezzi said a few pointers to keep the garbage at a minimum are:

® Leave waste products at home. For example, computer and television boxes can be recycled.

® Purchase reusable products instead of disposable.

® Use both sides of paper.

® If it's printer paper, print on both sides.

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discussion, on February 14 at 6 p.m. in the Third World Room; "Sankofa," a video and discussion, at 7 p.m. on February 19 in the Third World Room; and a soul food dinner in Scanlon Banquet Hall at 7 p.m. on February 21.

All of the videos and discussions are free and open to the public.

"A lot of information is not presented in the classroom," Johnson said. "We could go on and on about what people do not know."

Johnson said these discussions give an opportunity to share information to everyone that attends.

"It is hard to make progress without discussion," Johnson said.

Johnson said that the issues discussed at these events are not just "black issues, but people issues."

"Go because it is different," Johnson said. "If you have been exposed, we would not need all of these discussions."

Last year, many teachers got behind the programs and urged students to go, Johnson said.

At every event there were at least 50 or more attendees, he said.

Johnson said that he wanted to thank all of the faculty that made the programs requirements or extra credit and hopes they will be as supportive this year.

The soul food dinner, sponsored and prepared by members of the Third World Organization, costs $5. Tickets for this dinner can be purchased in advance at the Teller Window in Ely.

Johnson said that the dinners have the large attendance because everyone has to eat. "I'm expecting about 1,500 people to attend the dinners," Johnson said.

However, Johnson said, the lines at Subway probably will also be longer the nights of the dinners because some people will not want to try the soul food dishes.

The events with the greatest turnout, Jackson said, are usually the panel discussions and the soul food dinner.

If you need anymore information about Black History Month and the events that will be taking place please contact Nancy Goodniss, Secretary of the Campus Center at (413)572-5648 or e-mail her at ngoodniss@wisdom .wsc.ma.edu.

"It is important to celebrate diversity 12 months a year," Jackson said, "not only on assigned months or special activities."

Diana

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requires a lot of reading. Be prepared for a very heavy workload. Let's get started." Her lips transformed into a smile of excitement and enthusiasm for Literature. We retrieved our blue and black inked pens and began a journey through American Literature that ignited new sparks of interest inside many students in the classroom.

Professor Diana became part of the English Department at Westfield State College during the fall of 2000. Because she is a new professor, many students are not aware of her exceptional teaching capabilities and ambition for this college, according to former students.

Professor Diana's educational experience began at PENN State as a freshman; but she transferred to East Stroudsburg University as a sophomore.

"East Stroudsburg University is like Westfield State. It is smaller so students can get more attention from professors. PENN State was too big for me as an undergraduate."

Professor Diana attended Lehigh University and received a Masters in English, and attended Arizona State University for her Ph.D in English, focusing in American Literature.

As of now, Professor Diana's educational journey has taken 13 years. These 13 years have brought her to many classrooms where she has learned from others and has taught many.

Apart from teaching various classes at Lehigh University, Arizona State University, and Westfield State College, Professor Diana taught English in Kyoto, Japan for 1 year. The students ranged from preschool to adult.

Students in Japan are very different from those in America. While going home on the 9pm train, high school students did too, but they were still wearing their uniforms. They attended after school programs to polish their skills in all subject areas, Diana said.

"Although I was the teacher, I was learning from them," Diana said.

"They taught me how to say 'my teacher has a big nose,'" said Diana, as she chuckled from the thought.

Back in America, the classroom of Major American Writers in the fall of 2000 diligently finished each assignment with determination. During class discussions, Professor Diana looks to the heavens while contemplating inquisitive questions and symbolisms of literature. Her hands gesticulate her words, and the meanings are simple, yet engaging. Consequently, Professor Diana's teaching and noteworthy choice of readings help many to declare English as a major, and yearn for future literature classes with her as the instructor.

"I never had Professor Diana, but from what I hear I would like to take an English elective with her," said Scott Toomey, Mass Communications major.

"Although I'm not an English major, I took World Lit II which covered two core requirements. I found Professor Diana and the class very interesting because she chose some great books," said, Bob Mariello, Elementary Education and Physical Science majors.

Professor Diana is very happy with her career as of now. She has a family to take care of, including a 2-year-old son and a 3-year-old daughter, and being a professor gives her time to be with her family, especially during the long breaks.

"I am very lucky to be able to spend time with books and get paid for it," Diana said.

"However, it is difficult when my children want my attention when I have to attend nightly meetings for various clubs," Diana said.

It is a Tuesday night and it is time for Professor Diana to get ready to drive back to the Westfield State campus. Tonight is the English Honor Society meeting and her presence is needed. After she cleans the dinner dishes and applies a new coat of ruby lipstick, she grabs her car keys and approaches the door. She bids goodbye to her husband and hears, "Mommy, do you have to go to a meeting?" She looks to her children with their large sad eyes and replies with, "Yes, Daddy will tuck you in tonight." All of a sudden, their lips quiver and tears of unhappiness flow down their blushed cheeks.

"My life is fairly simple. Changing diapers and reading Dr. Seuss," said Diana, with a grin.

My favorite part of being a professor is hearing how students respond to specific books and readings. I feel satisfied when students approve and enjoy specific readings, Diana said.

"The thing I will remember most is when two of my students included quotes from a book that they enjoyed in their e-mails. That was very rewarding to me," Diana said.

"My least favorite part of being a professor is putting letter grades on papers. When the letter isn't an A, I know that the student is disappointed. The grades lead to a lack of confidence and anger," Diana said.

Professor Diana encourages all students to meet with her individually to work on paper drafts and improve technical aspects of writing assignments. Her office door is always open.

"The problem with grading writing is that students sometimes interpret the grade as a comment on the validity or thoughtfulness of their ideas only, when in fact the technical stuff (grammar, style) might be the source of the paper's ineffectiveness," Diana said.

Besides the actual grading of papers, Professor Diana loves reading the content of student's papers. To her it feels like a conversation and enjoys adding comments.

Professor Diana will be grading papers and leading class discussions for quite some time because she enjoys teaching here at Westfield State College.

"My family and I made a home here. It is a really nice place to live and I enjoy it very much," Diana said.

Professor Diana has already affected the lives of many here at Westfield State College, and she is eager to do the same for many more future students who aspire to explore the fascinating subject of literature.

Voice of The Week

Beth Gamble

POSITION AT WSC: Library Assistant II

HOMETOWN: Westfield

FAMILY: Oldest of 4 (2 Brothers, 1 Sister) & 2 Nieces & Parents

YEARS AT WSC: 6

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: Seeing People Finish At Graduation

LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: Not Enough Use Of Bicycles

PERSON YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: Jane Goodall

FAVORITE QUOTE: "Don't Take Yourself Too Seriously"

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Do you think the new recycling program will work?

"I didn't know we had a recycling program. Best of luck to you."
Adam Tivnan
2003
Sociology

"It's up to the students if it will work or not."
Steve Sette
2002
Psychology

"Yes, as long as people take time and effort."
Tasha Goulet
2005
Communications

"Yes, I think it will work if more people know about it."
Erica May
2004
Communications

"Hopefully people will be responsible instead of lazy."
Sheleen Brown
2002
Biology

"I think it will work if there is more education about it."
Jill St. Martin
2002
Psychology/ C.J

Voices Overheard compiled by Peter Costas

Patriots

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brought people and even strangers together. The victory brought Westfield State students together. "I wish there were more events that would bring people together like that," Rapoza, a senior, said.

In the beginning, the Patriots had 70-1 odds of winning the Super Bowl. They were the 14-point underdogs Sunday night then went on to be the champions.

Last Tuesday's parade in Boston hosted over one million fans. Students traveled from western Massachusetts east to the city to join the celebration. The parade, which began at noon, started at Copley Square, went through the Back Bay to Congress

Street and ended at City Hall Plaza. Sophomore Matthew Cimeno left WSC Monday night to travel to his home in Walpole. From there, he took the 6:30 a.m. train into Boston to wait in cold temperatures. But, according to Cimeno, it was worth the wait.

"Oh my god, it was unbelievable," he said. "It was probably the best moment of my life."

Elementary education major Jen Childs also joined New Englanders at the parade. She had to walk from Tremont Street to South Station because the T was so packed, she said.

At the start of the season, the Patriots had 70-1 odds of winning the Super Bowl. They were the 14-point underdogs Sunday night then went on to be the champions.

At the start of their season, the Patriots and the rest of the country were shocked by the events of September 11, 2001. But our patriotism kept shining Sunday night, as our hopes were on the line with 0:07 left in the game. Adam Vinatieri nailed the 48-yard field goal and our dreams can true.

Sunday night our college came together. It was the first time we felt safe and happy since the terrorist attacks. We didn't feel guilty rejoicing either. The red, white and blue uniformed players gave their all Sunday night. And we thank them for it.

Auditions for MTG's Spring Production of
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Dever Auditorium on
Tuesday, February 12th at 6:00 p.m.
and
Wednesday, February 13th at 6:00 p.m.
Any questions contact:
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Soul Food Dinner

The Third World Organization will be serving a soul food dinner.
Thursday, February 21, 2002 in
Scanlon Banquet Hall @ 7 p.m.
Cost: $5.00

Tickets can be purchased at the Service Window in the Campus Center.

Police Log from 01/21/02- 01/27/02

01/21/02

-TRESPESSING, VIOLATION OF GUEST POLICIES:DICKINSON HALL

-NOISE COMPLAINT, AREA CHECKED:DAVIS HALL

01/22/02

-MEDICAL TRANSPORT, NOBLE HOSPITAL: DAVIS HALL

01/23/02

-MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION, FIRE EXTINGUISHER:SCANLON HALL

-NOISE COMPLAINT, VERBAL WARNING: DICKINSON HALL

-MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION, SMASHED WINDOW: LAMMERS HALL

-DRUG LAW VIOLATION, JUDICIAL REFERRAL: COURTNEY HALL

-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION (ALCOHOL), JUDICIAL REFERRAL: LAMMERS LOT

01/24/02

-COLLEGE POLICV VIOLATION (DRUGS), JUDICIAL REFERRAL: DAVIS LOT

-LARCENV/THEFT, WALLET: CAMPUS CENTER

01/25/02

-COLLEGE POLICV VIOLATION (DRUGS), UNFOUNDED: LAMMERS LOT

-PROTECTIVE CUSTODV: APARTMENTS

-NOISE COMPLAINT, VERBAL WARNING: APARTMENTS

-COLLEGE POLICV VIOLATION (ALCOHOL), JUDICIAL REFERRAL: DAVIS HALL

-M/V STOP, OPERATING UNDER SUSPENSION: COMMUTER LOT

-COLLEGE POLICV VIOLATION (DRUGS), JUDICIAL REFERRAL: DAVIS HALL

-FALSE FIRE ALARM, MALICIOUS: SCANLON HALL

01/26/02

-COLLEGE POLICV VIOLATION (ALCOHOL), JUDICIAL REFERRAL: DICKINSON HALL

-COLLEGE POLICV VIOLATION (ALCOHOL), JUDICIAL REFERRAL: DAVIS HALL

-SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITV, UNFOUNDED: COMMUTER LOT

01/27/02

-COLLEGE POLICY VIOLATION (BANNED STUDENT), JUDICIAL REFERRAL: SCANLON HALL

-FALSE FIRE ALARM, FIRE DETECTOR: APARTMENTS

-FIREWORKS THROWN, GENERAL INVESTIGATION: APARTMENTS

-NOISE COMPLAINT, PEACE RESTORED: APARTMENTS

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3. ***Essay may be recommended and submitted by a faculty member or submitted by the student.***
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Thursday, Feb. 14

Women's Basketball Game

Parenzo Gym 6:30 p.m.

WSC vs. Framingham State College

Tower victim has escaped death twice before

Newsday

Twice before, Louis Minervino escaped death at the hands of terrorists.

In 1988, returning from a business trip to London, he was booked on Pan Am Flight 103, which exploded over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing everyone aboard. He was saved by a seeming misfortune _ his daughter, then in the fifth grade, broke her ankle, and he rushed home to her a day early, taking a different flight.

``When we went to church that Sunday, I thanked God for giving me more time with Lou," said his wife, Barbara.

The second scare was in 1993. Minervino, of Middletown, N.J., was at a meeting on the 52nd floor of the World Trade Center's Tower Two when a bomb went off in the underground parking garage. ``I didn't hear about him for about four hours," his wife said. ``But he was OK, just shaken up and covered in soot."

On the morning of Sept. 11, Minervino, 54, a senior vice president at Marsh USA, called his wife from his office on the 98th floor of Tower One. For them, it was a routine call. ``I told him I loved him, and he told me he loved me," she said. She hung up the phone and turned on the television, just in time to hear the news that a plane had hit the building he was in. ``When I saw the first visual on TV, I knew he was dead," she said. ``And I was right."

The couple had never considered the possibility that he would be the first to die. His wife suffers from chronic pancreatitis, diabetes, thyroid disease, high blood pressure and high cholesterol. ``Because of these things, we've had to face my mortality many times," she said. ``In our lives together, we never discussed his mortality. ... I knew that one of us would be alive after the other. We never gave thought to the fact that it would be me. We always thought it would be him."

Without him, she said, ``every morning I wake up _ and I'm a person of great faith _ so I thank God for letting me get up. ... But then I ask, `Now what am I going to do? What is the direction of my life?' "

Still, she calls herself lucky. ``We were able to share 26 years of a beautiful, loving marriage. ... I felt he was the greatest gift that God could have given me. And that it was only God's right to take that gift away."

An only child who grew up in an Italian neighborhood on Staten Island, her husband was ``a quiet, selfless, giving man," she said. ``He was not a man to go out and have a few drinks with the boys. He came home when his day was finished."

Among the things she finds herself grateful for now is that her husband saw both his daughters, Laina, 25, and Marisa, 23, graduate with ``a great Jesuit education" from Loyola University.

And she's grateful for her memories.

Awash in money, schools must go to bat for poor

RONALD BROWNSTEIN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

It's time for schools serving poor children to stand and deliver.

For years, educators and their political allies have complained that Washington did not invest enough money in Title I, the massive federal program that provides extra funds for public schools in poor neighborhoods.

But Title I grew steadily under former President Clinton, and it's thriving under President Bush. In 2002, Bush and Congress hiked the program's budget by $1.6 billion to $10.35 billion, making it by far the largest federal education program. Bush has already requested another $1 billion increase for 2003, making Title I one of the few domestic winners in the budget he's releasing Monday.

At the same time, the education reform bill Bush just signed into law targets the available funds more precisely on the neediest districts. Many big cities can expect to see windfalls.

Which makes this a very good time to ask how well schools are spending the money.

That's not a question many educators and administrators have liked to discuss. Partly because of byzantine federal rules meant to assure the money is actually spent on low-income kids, the programs in many districts have become secretive ``fiefdoms" under the control of Title 1 administrators operating without much oversight from superintendents and school boards, says Kati Haycock, director of the Education Trust, a group that advocates for low-income students. ``These are huge kingdoms or queendoms," she says.

In many places, districts haven't established a clear plan for spending the money, leaving individual principals on their own. Often they have utterly no idea how to effectively deploy the funds. ``A lot of time, people just don't know what to do to improve achievement," says Phyllis McClure, a consultant for high-poverty school districts.

The result typically has been not much different from throwing the money against a wall and hoping it sticks.

In the absence of strong direction, the Title I money like so much else in big city education has flowed more toward the needs of adults than children. ``In many places," McClure says, ``Title I has been thought of more as an adult employment program than an education program."

Many districts have used big chunks of their Title 1 grants to hire paraprofessional teacher aides, many of them mothers from the community. Although most are committed and hard-working, few of these aides have much qualification: A recent federal survey found that in the highest poverty elementary schools, only one in every 10 teacher aides had a four-year college degree. (In all Title I schools, the figure was just one in five.) Yet, nationally, schools spend more than $1.1 billion in Title I money to hire paraprofessionals; the Education Department says schools nationwide have hired slightly more teacher aides than teachers with their Title 1 funds.

It gets worse. Most paraprofessionals report receiving less than two days of training. Yet in highest poverty schools the schools where students typically need the most help nearly half of the aides report they have taught classes without a teacher present. And while districts have spent heavily on the teacher aides, they've stinted on other services that could help struggling students. Only about one in nine students in Title I schools attend extended day programs. And Title 1 schools are spending only one-fifth as much training teachers as they are paying for the teacher's aides.

The good news is that a reform movement is budding from the bottom up. In cities from El Paso, Texas, to Providence, R.I., courageous administrators are seizing control of the Title I money and shifting its focus from providing jobs to helping kids. Two Southern California districts are at the forefront of the movement.

In San Diego, Superintendent Alan Bersin and Chancellor of Instruction Anthony Alvarado laid off 600 teacher aides in 2000 (offering them other jobs in the system). The district then redirected the money into extended day services, summer school and, most important, a coaching program that provides intensive, in-classroom training for teachers. In 1998, the district spent $1 million annually training teachers; now the number is $60 million.

In Los Angeles, which had been among the worst offenders in overemphasizing aides, Superintendent Roy Romer is taking a similar tack, shifting money toward hundreds of coaches who teach teachers how to teach reading and math. ``What happens is Title I money is quite often spent on the edges," he says. ``The real crucial thing here is you have to improve instruction and improve what happens in the classroom."

None of this is easy. In San Diego, Bersin and Alvarado have faced virtually scorched-earth resistance to their elimination of the aides from teachers unions and some community groups. ``The feelings still are strong about this," says Mary Hopper, deputy chancellor for instruction. ``It's very difficult, and I'm not surprised that more ... people haven't tried it."

Yet around the country more districts may have no choice but .to follow their lead. The new federal education bill establishes clear mandates for all schools to improve student performance; those that don't will face escalating sanctions, including mandates that they divert Title I money into a program that will allow parents to purchase after-school tutoring from private companies. Eventually, failing schools face the dismissal of their leadership. That should concentrate the mind.

No one should minimize the challenge facing schools trying to help low-income students coping with chaotic neighborhoods and, too often, chaotic situations at home. It's fair for schools to protest that they can't solve all these problems alone. But it's equally fair for society to demand that schools place no other priority above helping kids. And using Title 1 as a local patronage program fails that fundamental test.

Many black soliders joined revolution

JOHN KELLY
THE WASHINGTON POST

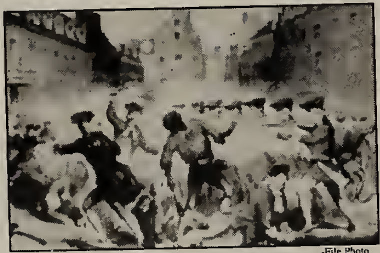
WASHINGTON -No one knows exactly what was going through Peter Salem's mind on that April morning 227 years ago. Salem was a Minuteman, an American colonist prepared to fight with just a minute'snotice. In the spring of 1775, he got his chance. On April 19 he watched as more than 600 red-coated British soldiers, armed with bayonets, marched toward him in Lexington, Mass.

Blood was about to be spilled in the American Revolution.

Salem's was a black face in a sea of white faces. But he wasn't the only African-American there that day. Cuff Whitemore was there, too. And Prince Easterbrooks, who would go on to fight in nearly every major battle of the war.

From the first shots at Lexington and Concord to the British surrender at Yorktown, African-Americans were present in every major battle of the Revolution. It's a part of history many people don't know about.

``Blacks have been involved since the beginning, and are co-founders of the country, whether they were free or slaves," said Mark Gresham, head of the Black Patriots Foundation, a group working to build a memorial in Washington to honor these unsung heroes.



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Gresham said that an estimated 5,000 African-Americans fought in the Revolution to free the colonies from British rule. Some, like Peter Salem, were freemen. Others were slaves whose masters promised them freedom if they joined the army.

They all must have seen how unfair it was: While the Declaration of Independence said ``All men are created equal," that didn't apply to blacks. Slavery existed in every American colony.

``They were fighting for freedom: their own freedom," said Clifton Johnson, the founder of the Amistad Research Center at Tulane University in New Orleans.

George Washington ,, hadn't wanted to allow blacks into the Continental Army, but in 1775 Lord Dunmore, the royal governor of Virginia, offered freedom to any slaves who joined the loyalist cause. Dunmore's proclamation forced Washington's hand. African-Americans were allowed to fight for the colonies' freedom.

``Some acted immediately to go with the British, but most stayed because it was their country they were fighting for," said Gresham. ``Yes, .it was their adopted country, and they'd been put upon and forced to come, but it was still their country."

(And what of those who fought for the British? After the war some were returned to their masters. Some retreated with British forces, settling in Canada or the Caribbean.)

Peter Salem fought until the end of the war. Some historians think it was his musket ball that mortally wounded British Major John Pitcairn in the Battle of Bunker Hill, allowing the Americans to retreat. After he left the army, Salem married a woman named Katy Benson and returned to Massachusetts, where he became a successful furniture maker.

Black patriots helped win the war against the British, but they did something else, too. After the war, slavery was gradually outlawed in the North. Many historians credit that to the contributions made by black soldiers, who proved by fighting alongside their white neighbors that they were equal, too.

CBS to show 2 hours of terror attack video

Newsday

NEW YORK - In a coup for CBS News, the network has secured exclusive broadcast rights to five hours of video that was shot near and around Ground Zero on Sept. 11. It will air as a two-hour special on March 10.

The footage, shot by French-born New Yorkers Jules and Gedeon Naudet, has already been accorded plaudits. The brothers through luck and bravery are believed to have compiled the most exhaustive video record of the attack.

"It may be to the Sept. 11 attack what the Zapruder film was to the Kennedy assassination," wrote Variety. That may be hyperbole, but CBS Tuesday treated the procurement of rights as nothing short of momentous.

CBS President Leslie Moooves said in a statement, "It is not an exaggeration to say that nothing quite like it has ever been broadcast before (and) I'm proud that CBS has been entrusted to bring this powerful and historical work to broadcast television."

CBS declined to reveal financial details but confirmed that the footage had been paid for. Also, the broadcast will not technically be a CBS News broadcast because it will include fund-raising elements, against network news guidelines.

And in a highly unusual arrangement, Vanity Fair Executive Editor Graydon Carter, along with David Friend, the magazine's editor of creative development, are to be listed as executive producers of the broadcast, along with several CBS News veterans who will produce it. Vanity Fair has an interview with the Naudets in the March issue, while Carter via Ben Silverman, an agent with William Morris who has landed CBS rights to reality TV projects was instrumental in bringing the video to the network, according to a press release.

The Naudets had been accompanying a firefighter from Engine Co. 1, Ladder Co. 7 as part of an extended documentary, and each brother was in a separate tower before the first plane hit. A squad captain had gone to the street to investigate a reported gas leak. Jules Naudet, who followed, pointed his camera up when he heard a jet sound, and recorded the first impact.

They filmed continuously for the next five hours, and collected footage of rescue efforts inside the north tower.

According to CBS, the Naudets will donate proceeds from the Vanity Fair/CBS joiot project to the Uniformed Firefighters Association Scholarship Fund for the relatives of firefighters.

March marks 30th anniversary of "Bloody Sunday"

ROBYN DIXON
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LONDONDERRY, Northern Ireland Undeterred by the freezing rain on their heads and the muddy slush beneath their feet, 30,000 people filled the steep streets of this ancient town Sunday to mark the 30th anniversary of "Bloody Sunday," a civil rights demonstration that turned deadly and sparked three decades of sectarian fighting in this British province.

In a city so divided that Roman Catholics and Protestants do not even agree on its name, Sunday's march had a calm and amiable spirit a marked contrast to Jan. 30, 1972, when British soldiers fired into a crowd of stone-throwing marchers and killed 13 Catholics, all of them unarmed.

Today, Northern Ireland's Catholics have achieved many of the rights in education, employment, housing and political power that they were marching for 30 years ago. And yet people flocked here by the busload from the British mainland, Ireland and the United States to show, as Catholic political leader Gerry Kelly put it, "that we will always remember Bloody Sunday."

That tens of thousands would turn out on a wet and windy winter's day to look back three decades in time is a testament to the power of memory in Northern Ireland. The seemingly endless arguments here between pro-Irish Catholics and pro-British Protestants frequently center on perceived wrongs dating back 30, 130, even 300 years.

That well-remembered history has been a major obstacle to progress on the Good Friday peace agreement of 1998, under which Protestants and Catholics share power in a fractious local assembly.

"One of the biggest problems we've got is that people never forget," noted Monica McWilliams of the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition. "We have world-class victims on both sides. They nourish the old wounds. In that atmosphere, it's hard to move on together."

Northern Ireland comprises six counties that remained under British control when the Irish Republie won its freedom in 1921. Its 1.6 million residents are divided between "unionists," who want to remain under Britain, and "republicans," who want to merge with Ireland. Most unionists are Protestant and most republicans Roman Catholic, so ancient religious animosity sharpens the political divide.

In this city, perched on steep green hills rising from the broad River Foyle, the argument extends even to geography books. In Catholic schools, the maps show the city's name in its traditional Irish form, "Derry." The Protestant schools, and the government's maps, use the British version, "Londonderry."

-File Photo

For decades, Northern Ireland maintained a sort of Jim Crow system that gave the Protestant majority heavy preference in jobs, schooling and voting power. Inspired by the civil rights movement in the United States, the Catholics of "Derry" began a nonviolent campaign in the 1960s to demand equal treatment. But this peaceful movement was gradually infiltrated by militants from the Irish Republican Army, a heavily armed paramilitary group.

The civil rights march on Jan. 30, 1972 was organized by Catholics and Protestants from the nonviolent wing. But the local IRA unit joined the march; some of the IRA contingent were facing murder charges and were known to the police. IRA leaders say they told their troops to march without weapons that Sunday.

As the march entered a Catholic neighborhood known as the Bogside, some young protesters hurled stones and tin cans at soldiers down the street. The army responded with gunfire. Within 20 minutes, 13 civilians were dead, and another died later from the wounds.

"Bloody Sunday" radicalized much of the younger generation of Northern Ireland's Catholics. "That one blunder by the army made hundreds and hundreds of young men sign up for the IRA," recalled John Hume, a Catholic civil rights leader who won the Nobel Peace Prize for his work on the Good Friday plan. "The irony is, it was mainly the British who turned a peaceful civil rights movement into a violent struggle."

Responding to local demands, Tony Blair, Britain's prime minister, has established a board of inquiry to sift through the 30-year-old evidence and produce a definitive report on what happened. The inquiry, underway for two years, is expected to continue its work at least until 2004.

Diary of Russia's Gen-S

ROBYN DIXON
LOS ANGELES TIMES

MOSCOW - It was a terrible day for Spiker and Sobakkaa, two young Russian "scumbags" as they liked to call themselves living in London. They hadn't stolen a thing.

But, recording the gloom of Day 13 in his diary of the London trip, Spiker suddenly brightened with a memory. They had stolen! But it was something so mundane, it had slipped his mind: some rice and chicken to eat.

Since the pair's 1999 London tour, "podonok" scumbag has become a term of endearment among certain young Russians, notably soccer hooligans, skinheads and their ilk. And the diary, which Spiker swears is 100 percent nonfiction, has exploded in Moscow as a controversial best seller.

Though it reads at times like a how-to guide on crime and fraud, the book took a major prize as the best Russian literary debut.

Spiker and co-author Sobakkaa the name is similar to the Russian word for dog made thousands of dollars on "Bigger Than Ben."
And despite the pleasant notoriety, Spiker 25-year-old Sergei Sakin has decided he likes making money the honest way.

But he has to share the royalties with Sobakkaa Pavel Tetersky in real life whom Sakin claims contributed almost nothing to the writing. Tetersky hotly denies that contention. The two are no longer on speaking terms.

The book brilliantly captures the cliche of the contemporary young Russian male: hard-edged, dishonest and callous, distilling his creative flair into nefarious, if not criminal, activity.

In a country where opportunities for young people are limited and often governed by family connections, Sakin's example is not exactly luminous. The one thing that can he said is that he has made it on his own terms. Now he's waiting for Hollywood to call.

Densely stuffed with obscure Russian street slang, the book contains a "Clockwork Orange"-style glossary for the reader, including the entry "podonok (scumbag): good guy."

So far, the book has been released only in Russia. The title, "Bigger Than Ben" ("Bolshe Bena"), is a reference to London's Big Ben. Sakin liked the alliteration in the title.

Tetersky admits that Sakin came up with the idea of turning the London diaries into a book and edited the entries somewhat, but he insists that he wrote half the original.

"I was doing it just to take it back home, show to my friends and have a good laugh about how we spent our time in London," he said, admitting that the diary is "definitely a far cry from 'War and Peace.'"

Sakin's second book, due out soon, follows the themes of the first. It details his experiences as a skinhead and as an employee at Moscow travel agencies, where he used many dishonest tricks for example, failing to declare some clients to an employer and keeping the profits.

"I always turned out to be smarter than my employer," said Sakin.

His inspiration was his father, an honest engineer who struggled, poor and threadbare, refusing to go into small business until he could do so without sacrificing his principles. Sakin was determined not to live that way.

Replete with repellent racist nuggets and tales on how they made hundreds of British pounds a day by stealing mobile phones and cheating banks over loans, "Bigger Than Ben" has made Sakin financially independent. But it came as a blow to his father and mother.

"She said: 'I thought you were much kinder than this, much smarter and much cleverer. You're capable of much better than this.' My father had the same opinion," said Sakin. He shares a small Moscow apartment with his parents and his new wife, Anna, who said parts of his second book make her feel physically ill.

Like his first book, the second reveals the ugly underbelly of racism in Russia. Sakin despises people from the Caucasus, a predominantly Muslim region of southern Russia, convinced that they are ruining Moscow. It's a view many Muscovites share.

Sakin makes no apologies for being commercial and scorns what he calls the traditional mold of Russian writers: poor fellows with dirty hair.

"Bigger Than Ben" reflects a favorite Russian pastime: classifying and stereotyping foreigners. In the book, the English are robots and cyborgs who have an unhealthy passion for work and go around smiling all the time.

Sakin dropped out of a university and dabbled in journalism but found itrestrictive and boring. He and Tetersky arrived in London with 400 pounds, or about $560, between them, which lasted less than a week.

"Mindful of the fact that we are scumbags and should carry this title with honor, we committed our first theft a stack of envelopes in order to mail letters home," the book says.

Despite the simplicity of the theft, the pair were sweating, terrified.

"Here is the trick: The huge Sobakkaa hides me from the camera with his bulk while I shove the envelopes under my shirt. That is all. Encouraged by our first success, I nicked a bottle of wine using the same scheme, in order to celebrate at our housewarming party."

Since "Bigger Than Ben" was published, Sakin and Tetersky have married and moved on. Sakin's wife does not like to hear talk of his old, evil lifestyle. And Sakin vows that he is on the straight and narrow now that he is a writer and in great demand.

With his first two books written about episodes of his wild young life, one wonders where the material for future books can come from, now that he's settled down.

He scoffed at the question. He had seen so much in 25 years, he boasted, it could fill 10 books.

Sakin expressed no regret at losing Tetersky as a friend. But to Tetersky, what happened to the friendship is sad.

"We never really quarreled. We just stopped being the kind of friends described in 'Bigger Than Ben,'" he said. "Fast popularity spoiled him very quickly. In the past, I treated Sergei like my brother. But I do not want to have a brother or even a friend like the new Sergei.

The Cut

"When girls are flirty after a drink, they mean it. It's the next morning when they realize what they've done that they don't." This is the advice offered in the Jan/Feb '02 issue of FHM. Of course men's magazines are mostly a joke and Maxim rocks but I wonder if Joey Numnutz out there truly realizes that that reflects the exact opposite of reality and that "Jacqui, 21, business school graduate" probably doesn't exist (Much like the online persona he adopts to prowl the fetish chatrooms after the wife and kids have gone to bed. Little does he realize who their real father is).

CHRIS WARD

That's all you really need to know about me for now except I may wander into your party. Don't panic, I may attempt to engage you in conversation. I'm mostly harmless and any ale or porter will do. Mishuganah, me.

The trojancondoms.com ad has spread from BET to MTV (Viacom owns both). What is UP with that? They're mad horndogs on Real World and there's this condom ad at the top of the screen. The mixed message would be funny if it weren't sad.

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All right, something has definitely happened to the water system in the apartments and I don't mean something good. The lukewarm showers...they're considered warm enough technically, but if you're also thinking that it shouldn't have to be cold like that for an 8:15 (I hear they suck) well I've figured out a way for warmer showers in the morning. (Shippy got your back) Simply set your alarm half an hour early, go turn on the shower, and go back to bed. By the time you get up the shower still won't be hot but it'll at least be warmer. Worried about wasting water? I'm Winston Wolf, I solve problems. Well, I'm sitting here watching the winter wind blowing curtains around through a closed window in these newly remodeled apartments and I'm wondering how much heat we're wasting while we're at it.

Even Mr. Checks says you gotta spot up in The Cut (pun intended) and that the Noc with Missy Elliott video is definitely borrowed from a scene in Being John Malkovitch when he crawls inside his own head, and that the Dell Computer dude is ready for that jump to a supporting role on a sitcom pilot, but as Pulp Fiction taught us, as one of the ones that become nothin'. Okay, there's a particular demographic that will most readily latch on to that Samuel L. reference. The same demographic which has seen Reservoir Dogs almost as many times, and you watched Boondock Saints even after that chick gave up and fell asleep on your arm. (You'll need to wake her up when you go for another beer.)

Anyway, I'm telling you guys that you're more prone to testicular cancer at your age than women are to breast cancer, and you're both advised to self check once a month (or ask your partner!). A doctor visit isn't a bad idea annually, and is really the only smart play if any irregularities present themselves. The competent and professional ladies at Campus Health Services helped me to get this info straight and they're ready with more information and literature, just ask. In this paragraph ADHD and a linear thought process have had at least a tenuous relationship. Better late than never.

With regards to my most estimable critic-at-large: Where did I learn about the classroom? By proxy. My friend direct connected and sent me the file. No, wait, I read it in a book. The same one you've read to experience life so viscerally. Full-color illustrations, first edition.

That one Superbowl commercial told us that buying drugs supports terrorism somewhere. By that logic, don't buy supermarket produce anymore because that supports the Teamsters which in turn supports organized crime. Listen, it's tough enough to get people to take responsibility for their direct action. This campaign is aimed at asking us to take responsibility for actions six times removed. FahgEdaboudit.

If you missed "Fiddler on the Roof" last week, then you missed a lot and I'd seriously consider throwing yourself before oncoming traffic. Biggest ups to Ang Oyola and the rest of the cast (S'up Sketch!). This Thursday the International Relations club, under tutelage of Dr. Brian Steinberg (PoliSci) and of which I'm a member, are going to debate at Harvard and represent. Then kick ivy league ass, state school what, Michele n Sasha!

Peace and balance.

C. Ward is a Voice columnist

Kevin's Korner

Well, according to Bush there is now an "axis of evil" between Iran, Iraq, and North Korea. Funny, I have never heard of any of these countries acting against the United States, unless you count Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, let alone them banding together. Iraq's economy and infrastructure, first of all, are in complete ruins thanks to the sanctions, and it is unlikely they could threaten anyone, never mind the only superpower in the world! There has been no proven link between Iraq and the September 11th attacks and attacking them, again, would only cause more innocent deaths and further alienate the Arab world.

KEVIN HEATON

While Iran does have nuclear weapons and a very dismal human rights record, the same can be said for China, which is one of our top trading partners, and several other countries. While Iran has sponsored terrorism in the past, no link has been shown to the September 11th attacks. Mr. Bush is beyond naive if he thinks he can "root out" all terrorism, everywhere.

Finally, the United States has been holding talks with North Korea since 1993 on degrading its nuclear weapons. Attacking them, or whatever Bush and his men have in mind, isn't likely to solve anything. The Age, an Australian newspaper, cites British sources as claiming that that Bush added North Korea, just to avoid accusations that he was only targeting Muslim countries. The paper also states that Libya and Syria, who have both been linked to terrorism, weren't included, "because they were deemed to be of secondary importance and maintained a dialogue with the West." So, now the mighty US can pick and choose who's a real terrorist, and who's not!

Iran and North Korea have strong ties to many European countries and Australia and some countries have even called for a lifting of sanctions on Iraq. It should be noted that China, which has one of the largest armies in the world, is a long-time ally of North Korea. The BBC reports that South Korea prefers further dialogue with North Korea and Iran. Also, the European Union has pledged to continue its engagement policy with Iran.

These allies of ours are unlikely to support a prolonged attack on Iran or North Korea. If the Bush Administration thinks they can go it alone, they should re-read their history books, particularly the sections on the Vietnam War.

K. Heaton is a Voice columnist

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Nose Knows...maybe

Well, in last week's column, I was kind of, sort of, really random. I guess this week I should start off by congratulating the Patriots on their win in Super Bowl 36. I must admit, and I'll probably get a lot of hate mail for this, that I didn't care if the Patriots won. I certainly didn't expect them to. Maybe this means big things for the Boston Red Sox too.

KRISTINA MARTINELLI

I would like to thank Professor Michael Engel for replying to one of my previous columns, it was certainly unexpected. You are the first person to come up with, and tell me about, alternatives to our current anti-terrorist war policy. I would also like to say though, that United States citizens that don't support President Bush right now are greatly outnumbered by those that do. In fact, I believe that President Bush's ratings right now are above 80%, and they have been there for quite some time now.

I believe that the people who are not supporting President Bush right now are also those people who don't like to change their mind whether they are wrong or right. I had a teacher once tell me that Bush wasn't their president. I would like to ask you if you feel the same way. There are some people out there that can't get over the fact that Bush won and not Gore, then blame it on scandal and not updated voting methods that should be changed to fix the problem. You see, if you and others like you think that the terrorists lie within my Chain of Command, then this country has a bigger problem then the one we are dealing with in Afghanistan right now.

ALSO, how do you expect this country to "make sure that the billions of poor people in the world have adequate food, clothing, and shelter" and not care about "dictatorships like Saudi Arabia." Everything is connected somehow and you can't expect this country to try and fix some problems that some people may think are worthy, and not others that don't rise up to some people's level of importance. We cannot do one and ignore the other.

I think that you expressed some good ideas in your letter to the editor, but criticizing George Bush will get us, and this country, nowhere. I know the name Donald Rumsfeld, and looked up Paul Wolfowitz, but I couldn't find Richard Perle, even on www.whitehouse.gov, just so I would know whom you were talking about before I replied. How can you think that Bush's advisors are doing a bad thing? I believe that they are only doing the best that they can with all that they know. I hope that President Bush would be strong enough to only do what is good for our country at this time of chaos. I don't however, believe that Mr. Bush is ignorant, as implied in your letter.

Well, Mr. Engel thanks again for replying and I hope you continue to read my column. I am glad that you show support for this country and are willing to state your opinion, even though other people may disagree with it.

I want your feedback. . . e-mail me at AnnyChic21@aol.con. You can send me ideas or thoughts. I would like to know what you, the students, think about having small pets in dorms (i.e. fish), so e-mail me. I want your opinion for a column I'm thinking about.

K. Martinelli is a Voice columnist

Life (according to me).

While working at a local day camp this past summer, I had plenty of opportunity to relearn the awesome might of two simple words: "Do Over".

JON SEWELL

As I believe I've mentioned before, my summer months this past year were spent in the company of, on average, 20 to 25 nine and ten year old boys every day. Now, I'm sure a lot of you have worked at summer camps, and you can probably recall what sort of mischief this particular age group tends to find themselves embroiled in. More often than not, it involved kicking the living crap out of each other any time I wasn't looking directly at them (which, I have to say, was pretty often. I'll tell ya, for ten year olds, they had a remarkably good grasp of military tactics. They knew how to use their superior numbers to flank my hapless junior counselor and I at will, distracting our attention for just long enough, allowing their comrades the time to carry out one nefarious scheme or another. Wily opponents, they).

I learned that kids had the right idea about a lot of things. Like naps. And daily games of Capture the Flag. And, most especially, Do Overs.

Sometimes it was over one of the girls that they had only recently discovered weren't so "gross" after all (despite my insistence that, come time, they may find that their initial impulses were correct after all). Other times, it was an argument about who collected more firewood for the session's overnight. But the most common catalyst for the brawling, kicking, screaming, whining, and name calling I dealt with, by far, were disputes over their all time favorite game, the timeless Four Square.

Most of the time I would try to address the issue, talking to the kids rationally. I would listen to both sides, clarify that I did indeed hear Alex call "no backboarding" (not that I ever quite figured out what that meant), and get them to shake hands and be friends once again. But then there were other times, times that I just didn't want to deal with it. It were those key times that I pulled out my ace in the hole, the inarguable Do Over.

See, kids believe in the Do Over. Even the camper who was probably right would think about it for a half-second, shrug, and agree to it. I mean, who can argue with a Do Over, right? It's just the natural way of things. It's fair. Everybody wins.

Somewhere along the line, though, we forget about its usefulness. We forget that while it's important to take responsibility, it's never too late to start all over. We forget that as far as we've fallen, we're never fully beyond redemption.

This past weekend, I happened upon a photo of my guys from this summer. It got me thinking, and I realized that as much as I had tried to pass a little bit of wisdom on to them, I had probably learned more from those twenty five kids than they had from me. I learned that ten year olds have the right idea about a lot of things. Like naps. And daily games of Capture the Flag. And, most especially, Do Overs.

And I realized that it was time to call for one myself. Without getting into the details, I had somehow degenerated inro a shambling, mumbling wretch. I was looking at myself, and not liking much of what I saw, physically, mentally, or spiritually. I was worrying too much about things out of my control. I was whining like a little sixth grader about girls. I was skipping workouts, as well as class. So, I stumbled out into my living room, and informed my roommates I was declaring a Do Over on my life. And they thought about it for a half-second, shrugged, and agreed to it.

And I'm happy to report that things have indeed been looking up. I'm happier. I woke up the next day EAGER to hit the gym. I actually did all my reading. I even got a jump on a few things I was putting off for the paper and radio station.

My point is, Do Overs work, even for us grownups. Next time you've taken a hard look at your life, and decided it wasn't quite up to snuff, forget the self help industry. Instead, take a cue from millions of eight year olds across the globe, and call a Do Over on your life. It's never too late.

Call it, and chances are the rest of us will think about it for a half-second, shrug, and agree to it. After all, it's the natural way of things. It's fair. Everybody wins.

I mean, who can argue with a Do Over, right?

Hope you all have a great week, and I'll see you next time.

What You Will...

Hi! For those of you who don't know me, my name is Kristin Loiko, and I am the newest column writer for the Campus Voice. Since I'll be around every week for this semester, I thought I'd establish myself with a little background information in this first column.

I am a 21 year-old junior transfer student, commuting from the farthest possible point in Westfield to campus everyday. I am an English major and Journalism minor, which I've learned really doesn't mean that much, since I want to become a massage therapist. Two weeks into the semester and I'm already counting the days until May.

I have a tendency to be opinionated, stubborn, and vocal on issues of which I care. My whole goal in writing a column for the paper is to write pieces that will make people really think and feel. I want to put forth controversial topics and I want feedback from readers. I promise to give you my straightforward and honest opinions, and trust me, I want to anger or upset you at one point or another. It is in my highest hopes to inflict my readers with enough passion as to cause them to act.

As college students, we are often encouraged and inspired by events, but believe we are so busy with our own lives that we do not act to make changes around us. That is our most crucial mistake as members of any community. It is through our actions and voices that change is established. Every person is given twenty-four hours a day in which they can make a difference in the life of another.

As a naive freshman, I entered college thinking I could change the world right away. That first year taught me so much of the effects one person can truly have on another and how much of an impact a group of people can make when truly inspired.

The following year, I wanted to learn more, and keep learning about the ways in which people act, are motivated, and are inspired to go after that which they desire. As a sophomore, not knowing a soul, I packed up and hopped a plane for a semester abroad in Australia. Studying abroad was the single most amazing adventure I could have ever taken. I learned so much about individuality and the importance of the uniqueness of every person. The most important lesson I learned was to do that which I am truly passionate about, instead of what others have told me I was good at. I stopped living so much to please others, and focused on pleasing my soul. Coming back to the United States after that semester, I really came home. I transferred to Westfield State College, changed my major, and began a job more closely linked with my true passion.

I now work as a swim coach for a local team, much like the one I began on many years ago. As a coach I am able to affect the lives of the kids on my team every day. Not only do I teach these kids all about the sport, but I am able to inspire them and encourage them with their daily lives. More than that, they are able to teach me. Their hope and dreams, their actions, their innocence, has put so much into perspective. During those times when I am so caught up with my life that I let the world go by without much notice, one of my swimmers will pull me back into consciousness with a straightforward comment or action. It is often those we don't first go to that have the biggest effect on our lives. Those people who speak without societal restraints are the ones who make the most profound differences. I encourage all of you to look to everyone around you as mentors and, in turn, hold yourself in the same regard.

So that's just a bit about me. I hope you've been able to come away with something from what I've written. Feel free to contact me at sun24shine@hotmail.com

K. Loiko is a Voice columnist

"Damn the Man!" benefit concert raises funds for WSKB

BY JESSICA NORDEN
ASSISTANT A&E EDITOR

On Saturday February 2, WSC's own radio station WSKB held a "Damn the Man! Save WSKB! Benefit Concert" to help raise funds for the radio station.

The concert was held from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m. Many bands traveled to perform at the concert, which had a decent turnout.

The concert started off with a performance by the band Rendered followed by an acoustic set by Nate Sigman, a WSC sophomore.

Bob Pepek performed next, and commented on the concert. "I think it's a great idea. It helps out that some of my friends go here, and anyway that I can help contribute is awesome."

Pepek also added, "This concert can help out the radio station and it makes the bands' music available to the public."

Following Pepek were performances by the bands Arcade Radio and Broken in Fire.

Sophomore Katey Malia, a WSKB DJ, shared her thoughts on the concert. "This is quite cool, and there's a diverse range in music."

Oregon Underground, featuring seniors Jay Renslow on vocals and guitar, Martin Lee on bongo drums and WSC alumni Shaun Davis on bass, were up next.

Renslow, after wrapping up his set, gave his input on the benefit. "It's great. This brings bands together for a good cause. The student-run organizations can still put together great events."

"This is really positive for the school itself. The radio station is being neglected and we need new updated equipment." said Steve Allison, another WSKB DJ and Executive Board member.

Random Gazebos, a Nashua New Hampshire band performed for a good sized crowd, and then Mobile Confusion followed, with Matt Harr on vocals and guitar, Jeff Vanasse on vocals and bass, Anthony Cartesi on drums and Tom O'Connell on guitar and vocals.

WSKB DJ Scott Toomey gave his input on the concert. "It's going alright so far. I expect more people will show up later, but the people here now are showing a great deal of enthusiasm for the bands that are here performing. I'm hoping we make a lot of money."

The Skeptics performed to a somewhat larger crowd. The Skeptics feature Tony DiSanto on vocals and guitar, Ryan Samson on bass, Caley M. Ward on drums and Rob Kapitzki on lead guitar and vocals.

Scattered was the next band featured, and included Bill Knauss, Jess Ameigh, Dave Bielunis and Matt Samble.

The next performers were Dave Lucander and Brian Vermouth, who collaborated and performed a spoken word. The crowd seemed to appreciate the unique performance.

"People are the ones to go out and make things happen. It takes us the students to help with our school to make it how we want our school to be. Go out and do it yourself," said Lucander afterwards.

Sophomore Dave Kowalski, an audience member, gave his thoughts on the event. "It's good because it's money for the station, plus it gives students something to do on the weekend. There's a variety of music here being performed from acoustic to punk."

Knock 'Em Dead were the next band of the night, featuring Mike Bedrosian on drums, Myke Cameron on guitar, Jon Nable on bass, Rob Nehring on trumpet, Nick Murphy on trumpet, Graham Houtchens on saxophone and Jim Blair on vocals.

"It's a good idea because the radio station has to keep playing good music and playing local music makes the bands go public and get airplay." said Blair.

Quit to Win performed next to a good sized crowd. Quit to Win features DJ Renzi on vocals, Joe DeChristopher on bass, Jim Corbut on drums and Rick Conlin on guitar. They performed a few of their own songs and a cover of Elton John's "Your Song".

Renzi commented on the concert. "It's a great idea. Melissa did an awesome job and WSC hasn't ever had anything this big with so many different bands performing at one time since I've been here. It's really cool, I just wish more people were here and a lot of bands have performed today which is awesome."

-Photo by Kelly Clarke
Knock 'Em Dead performing at WSKB's benefit concert.

34 Spoons entertained the crowd and Room 237 performed after them to a pretty good-sized crowd. Kobe Tai then gave a performance that the audience enjoyed.

WSKB DJ Jon Sewell gave his opinion of the concert. "It was really cool for the bands to come in and play for free. It's promoting non-commercial music, college radio, and the price to students is definitely affordable. Plus, the station needs as much money as we can get."

Lost Inside a Rubix Cube and Skarmy of Darkness were the next bands to perform for the night to a smaller, but enthusiastic crowd.

"It's a good thing because it's a great way to benefit the station and explore local music," said Bob McDonald, a freshman, and WSKB DJ.

Sophomore Gino Gangai, also a DJ, shared his views of the event. "This is for a good cause, and it's a good reason to promote school spirit. It's a bit sad that more people haven't shown, though."

The bands Level Ride and Pangloss ended the night, and performed to a small, intimate crowd that enjoyed a good close to a great night.

WSKB General Manager Melissa Saporetti, who organized the entire concert, gave her opinion of how the benefit went. "It was really exciting. I wish attendance was a little higher, but everyone who came was really interested. The bands were awesome, some of them came pretty far just to perform today and they played for no money...just for fun."

Saporetti also mentioned that another benefit will be held the first weekend in March. "Overall, I was very happy and everything went great."

Coffeehouse returns with a variety for everyone

BY JESSICA NORDEN
ASSISTANT A&E EDITOR

The first coffeehouse of the semester kicked off Wednesday February 6 at 8p.m .in Ely Main Lounge. Hosted by Scott Toomey, one could catch a variety of performers throughout the evening.

For the first performance of the night, Shirts Off In Advance made their long awaited return to the WSC's coffeehouse. Featuring Joe Skahan on bass and vocals, Rory Bellows on drums, Greg Marsh on guitar and vocals and Matt Tetreault on vocals and guitar.

When asked about their return performance, Skahan said, "We've had a lot of fun. We haven't played together for awhile, but we did really well."

For the next act of the night, Monty Geer entertained the crowd with his amusing original songs that got the crowd laughing hysterically.

Dave Lucander and Brian Vermnuth performed a spoken word that the audience enjoyed. They had performed at WSKB's benefit concert Saturday and thanked anyone who appeared at the concert.

When asked about their performance, Vermouth said, "We did good. The coffeehouses are enjoyable and we possibly have a CD on Gladiator Records coming out soon and we're excited about that. Also, go to Jester's Café on Monday nights for open mic, it's a good show."

When audience member Adair Webb was asked what she thought of the coffeehouse, she said, "It's fun and it gives entertainment for students who need a break."

The lounge was packed as the Elements Crew entertained the audience with their skills and everyone enjoyed their set.

Host Scott Toomey made a special announcement during the night about Spring Weekend and said that Run-DMC will be the headlining band of the weekend.

Dan Harren and Matty Benoit collaborated during their set and performed covers of Incubus' "Pardon Me," and "I Miss You," Dispatch's "Out Loud," Third Eye Blind's "Semi-Charmed Life" and Bush's "Glycerine".

When asked about their performance, Harren said, "We got the crowd going and it's always a good time. This was Matty's first time singing and he wants to do this again."

Jon Morgan performed some of his own songs and then collaborated with Nate Sigman and Jon Berman on covers of Dave Matthews' "#41" and Sublime's "What I Got."

When asked about his overall performance, Morgan said, "I haven't played solo in awhile because I usually play with my band, so I was a bit nervous. Nate and Jon helped me out with a few songs and that relaxed me."

Nate Sigman and Jon Berman performed together playing some cover songs and some of Sigman's own songs.

When asked about their set, Sigman said, "I think we played really well, an overall good performance. I enjoyed this coffeehouse a lot, it was very low key."

When asked her feelings on the coffeehouse, audience member Lis Collins said, "I thought there was a great variety of music especially compared to the last coffeehouse."

-Photo by Kelly Clarke
Martin Lee breakdancing at last week's coffeehouse.

Mike Aroyo and a friend joined together and played a few guitar instrumentals. Ending the night was Brian Townsend playing some cover songs on his guitar.

"I was very disappointed that all the members of Shirts Off In Advance didn't all take off their shirts," said Vice President of Programming, Angela LaPierre on the night's performances.

LaPierre also said, "The breakdancers continue to amaze me and their act brought more people to the coffeehouse. Monty's set and Dave and Brian's set were a good change of pace from the usual bands and acoustic performances. The night went quite smoothly and everyone had a good time."

When asked about the announcement for Spring Weekend, LaPierre said, " I'm pumped that Reverend Run can make it and it's good we know who the headlining band is so people know who they're paying to see."

Pop star Moore shows acting talent in A Walk to Remember

By Elizabeth LaFond
Voice Reporter

My friends and I excitedly walk into the West Springfield Cinemas with our popcorn and sodas just in time to make the previews before the movie.

Previews for a movie staring Mandy Moore appears on screen. "A Walk to Remember" is the name of the movie—how familiar, I think to myself.

Oh, that's it! I read the book years ago. This is a definite must see movie. But, can this pop singer make it on the big screen?

Mandy Moore and Shane West play the roles of 18-year-old high school students who are destined to fall in love.

Right away in the opening scenes of the movie, director Adam Shankman depicts the social differences of Moore and West to show how opposites attract.

Moore plays the Jamie Sullivan, a simple daughter of a reverend who, to emphasize her personality and social status, has worn the same sweater since 6th grade. She is known as the "class dork." yet her simple manner and classic disposition lures Landon Carter's heart, which changes him forever.

Shane West, as Landon Carter, plays the popular heart-throb of the high school who gets himself into trouble.

He always pokes fun at his fellow classmates who are labeled with the status as "dork." He pokes fun at people like Jamie.

After getting in trouble which sends Landon to the principal's office, he is required to do community service and finds himself spending a lot time with Jamie.

Both Jamie and Landon end up with leading roles in the school play at Beaufort High School. After many hours of play practice, Jamie reaches to Landon and they soon feel the effects of falling in love.

Upon dating, Landon learns of Jamie's list of top ambitions she hopes to accomplish during her lifetime. He tries to fulfill all ambitions when he learns about her devastating secret. I can't tell you this part—you'll have to see for yourself!

Adam Shankman depicts each scene tenderly, and is able to capture emotion within the actors and actresses to intensify the story. Mandy Moore does an excellent job playing Jamie Sullivan, fitting perfectly with Shane West's acting.

This movie is based on the novel by Nicholas Sparks, and it almost replicates the book. It is a traditional opinion of many book lovers to say that the movie is always inferior to the movie. However, I myself am an avid book reader and must say this book makes a perfect movie.

Of course, Mandy Moore performs the song to the movie, under the title of "Cry," which is from her self-titled album released earlier this year.

-File Photo

Mandy Moore and Shane West in the new film A Walk to Remember.

The soundtrack will include the new Moore songs "It's Gonna Be Love" and "Only Hope," a cover of the New Radicals' "Someday We'll Know" by Moore and Switchfoot's John Foreman, according to MTV online.

This movie is a perfect "chick-flick" and, like "Romeo and Juliet," epitomizes a tragic love story. This is a perfect movie to watch, considering Valentine's Day is just around the corner.

It is perfect to watch with your honey, or perfect to watch with your best friends and dream about "the perfect guy!" Just remember, don't forget your tissues!

Flashlight Brown makes punk fun

Jed Dion
A & E Editor

10 punk rock points for Flashlight Brown for being so creative. The four piece pop-punk band from Canada just released their newest album, chock full of really different and odd sounding songs. The album was put together in under a month, using recordings the band had made over the past year. The songs range from four track recordings to actual studio recordings. Oddly enough, you can't really tell the difference.

Is the album sloppy? Yes, but in a good way. Flashlight Brown have managed to capture the live show element on their self titled CD. Each of the ten songs on the disc is very different and represents the unique sound Flashlight Brown has claimed as their own. It can basically be described as pop punk songs as melodic as can be, crammed with humor and intricate guitar lines.

The album starts off with the song "I'll Only Make You Cry," a poppy song featuring some falsetto vocals. The band continue to showcase their punk influences through the first few songs, "Looking Away," "Today," the party anthem "A Freak" and the sing along, "Ready to Roll." The next track "This Bird" is very different in that it doesn't follow the driving pace of most punk rock music. While it can still be considered punky, this song is hard to label. Like all the other songs on the CD, it's very catchy and will probably leave its melody in your head hours after you've finished listening to it.

The song "On and On," pokes fun at "hippies" while "Ice Cold" doesn't make too much sense at all. The last song is the best part of the album. I'll be the first to admit, it's probably the most annoying thing ever recorded, but it's also probably one of the funniest. For the last track, the boys lay down a reggae style tune with some hip-hop vocals that sound like the singer inhaled too much helium. It's great, and so is Flashlight Brown.

Like I mentioned, these boys are doing something a little different with the music style known as punk rock. It's good to see punk rock being played in different ways. Check out Flashlight Brown on tour with the Mad Caddies.

WSKB T-Shirts!!

Pick up a stylish WSKB T-Shirt...they make wonderful Valentines Day gifts!
Only 10 bucks (much cheaper than candy)!

The Three

Chris Pineo

The Three is a story written by student Chris Pineo. Each week a new chapter appears in the Campus Voice.

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So far all my leads had migrated south. My hopes rested with the press pass. The weekend came quickly and the event with it. A new weapon would be displayed and some upper echelon politicians where going to be there. This had to be a good place to get information.

The Three had its meat hooks deep in this one. Chimera, Pegasus, and Sphinx each stood to gain something here I could sense it. Krieger was most likely a pawn in their game, a kind of well-bred attack dog.

When I got to the place the press was everywhere. Chimera had been busy chumming, and all the sharks were here. A feeding frenzy was at hand.

Before the gates opened for us to go in, General Krieger came out onto a raised platform. Now they where adding live bait into the mix. The makos snapped with the serrated teeth of their microphones, notebooks, and flashbulbs.

The obvious question came first. "Genera,l is their any truth to your alleged introduction as a candidate for president on the next ballot?"

The General snapped right back, "Anyone who confirmed such a rumor had inside information." Was he looking at me? He continued, "However, I would like to confirm the rumors and officially announce my intentions of candidacy."

If this guy had no background in PR, I was the statue of liberty. He had the crowd at his beck and call. If the press here was a bunch of sharks this guy was Jacques Cousteau. Chimera had a trump card and the dealer was about to up the ante.

-Check back next week for another installment of The Three

Top 6 Reasons Why Freshmen "NEED" to have Cars on Campus...

1. How else will they be able to get to the off-campus parties? Didn't they tell you that you should experience all of college life at orientation?

2. They need to eat real food. You know, McDonald's (or anything that isn't Dining Commons food).

3. Freshman are students too. They're more involved in the campus than commuters and commuters get to park here.

4. If they didn't have all of those freshmen illegally parking, what would the college do to raise money without parking tickets?

5. They need to get jobs. While this is more true than funny, has anyone ever realized that there are a ton of on-campus jobs? Even "The Campus Voice" is looking for a work study student (Shameful plug).

6. To get a hotel room so they can have sex. Considering it's hard and uncomfortable to get it on in a dorm room, they need to go somewhere.

WSKB Weekly Spotlight

Adrienne and Harmonie

Jed Dion
A&E Editor

Feeling a little queasy after going to the DC? Well, you can sit back, relax and listen to the smooth sounds of Mellow Mood Tuesdays from 6-8PM. Adrienne Lamplougb and Harmonie Arcisz, both Juniors majoring in Communications, are your hosts for two hours of mellow tunes by the likes of The Beatles, Dispatch, Ben Lee, Led Zeppelin, Nancy Sinatra, Poe, Hole and Tori Amos. In fact, the name gets its name from the laid back Bob Marley tune "Mellow Mood." This song is played at the beginning of each show, setting the tone for the rest of the evening.

"Everyone always said our show was sort of mellow, and it's after dinner so we figure people can relax to it," said Arcisz.

The duo are in their second semester of WSKB radio, having had a similar show together last semester as well.

"We're Communications majors and we thought doing a radio show would be fun. We like to listen to music, hang out and relax," said Arcisz.

"It's a good time so sit back and hear uninterrupted music for two hours," said Lamplough.

Lamplongh is also involved in the Campus Voice, Lambda Pi Bta, the Communications Club and SPJ, which stands for Society of Professional Journalists. She is also learning how to ski.

"This is my first year skiing. Every time I go I try to improve, and I've somehow managed to avoid major injury thus far," said Lamplougb

Arcisz enjoys going to the gym, participating in intramurals, Lambda Pi Eta and is currently learning how to play the guitar.

Lamplough and Arcisz like to have contests on the show. They have been known to give away free CDs for such challenges as "naming Harmonie's hermit crabs," and so on. The duo also plans on talking about a strange fact or odd news bit during each show.

"They're weird, but very amusing," said Arcisz.

WSKB SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Big Ang and Sexy Bitch Show 10-12 PM	120 Minutes of Madness 10-12PM	Morning Flogging 10-12PM	Venuti and Colleen 10-12PM	Open 10-12PM	Open 10-12PM	Open 8-10
Open 12-2 PM	12-2 PM	The Disater Area 12-2 PM	Ken Beauchemin 12-2 PM	Open 12-2 PM	Open 12-2 PM	Open 10-12 PM
Open 2-4 PM	Jason Hicks and Melissa Collins 2-4 PM	The Duck form Mars and Venus Show 2-4 PM	Emotional Machines 2-4 PM	2 Guys, A Girl and a Radio Show 2-4 PM	Rock, Etc 2-4 PM	Open 12-2 PM
Mike Beagly 4-6 PM	Jon and Jon Show 4-6 PM	Brian Mazzone 4-6 PM	Andy Clark 4-6 PM	Open 4-6 PM	Open 4-6 PM	Something Completely Different 2-4 PM
Mike Boyd and Mike Higgins 6-8 PM	Mellow Mood 6-8 PM	Cyclone J 6-8 PM	Dr. T and the 80s Experience 6-8 PM	Shaggy and Nathan 6-8 PM	Mike Bover 6-8 PM	Andy Lempart 4-6 PM
Jim and Jays Naughty Hour 8-10 PM	DJ Radio 8-10 PM	Terrance and Jeroy 8-10 PM	Fusion of Diffusion 8-10 PM	The Dispomaniac 8-10 PM	Alex and Joanne 8-10 PM	Whip City Radio Theatre 6-8 PM
Dave, Monte and Greg 10-12 AM	Katie and Lauren 10-12 AM	Steve's Crazy Metal Show 10-12 AM	Mark Rutelle and Jon Mitchell 10-12 AM	Nick Graeline 10-12 AM	Open 10-12 AM	Revolution in Stereo/Live Bands 8-10 PM
Mr. Monday Night Storm 12-2 AM	Sarah and Sinead 12-2 AM	Ryan Wynns 12-2 AM	12-2 AM	Open 12-2 AM	Loveline with Gary 12-2 AM	Westfield Underground 10-12 AM

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Men's and Women's Racquetball

Swim Team Wins Two To Post 9th Straight Winning Season

Westfield State 121
Salem State 101

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State College women's swimming and diving team defeated Salem State, 121-101, in its final home meet on Wednesday, Feb. 6.

Westfield, which has no seniors on its team, finished its dual meet season with a 5-4 record to post its ninth consecutive winning season under the direction of veteran coach Dave Laing, who now has a 102-76-1 record over the past 20 years.

Claiming victories for the Owls were: Jenny Gilbert in the 50 backstroke, Kim MacKenzie in the 50 breaststroke, Becky Sirota in the 100 butterfly, Erin Flynn in the 50 freestyle, Clare Cournoyer in the one-meter diving, Kelley Reardon in the three-meter diving, and Nicole Spataro in the 100 backstroke.

Placing second were: Nicole Acheson (1000 freestyle), Kristie Webster (50 breaststroke), Colleen Boisvert (100 butterfly), Carman Wegman (50 freestyle), Courtney Burden (one-meter diving), MacKenzie (500 freestyle), Flynn (50 butterfly), and Kate Denneen (three-meter diving).

Thirteen of the 20 student-athletes on Westfield State's roster will be competing in the New England championships, scheduled for Feb. 22-24 at Bentley College.

Westfield State 150
Bridgeweter State 131

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State College women's swimming and diving team defeated Bridgewater State, 150-131, on Groundhog Day, Feb. 2.

The Owls placed first in six events. Double winners for Westfield were freshman Heather Nelson (200 freestyle, 100 freestyle), freshman Nicole Spataro (100 butterfly, 500 freestyle), and junior Kelley Reardon (one-meter diving, optional diving).

The Owls' depth keyed the victory as they placed second in 11 events. Finishing second were: Nicole Acheson (1,000 freestyle, 100 freestyle), Spataro (200 freestyle), Jenny Gilbert (50 backstroke, 100 backstroke), Kim MacKenzie (50 breaststroke, 100 breaststroke), Colleen Boisvert (100 butterfly), Nelson (50 freestyle), Katie Denneen (diving events), and Dana LedOuke (50 butterfly).

School Record

Junior co-ceptain Kelley Reerdon of Chelmslord broke a longstanding Westfield State Coltege diving record when she recorded a score ol 166.0 in the one-meter S-voluntary dives during e recent meet vs. Saint Joseph, Conn. The previous school record wes 164.95 set In 1991 by Lori Vincent, en All American diver lor the Owls.

Indoor Track, Field Results

Wheaton Invitational - Feb. 2, 2002

MEN'S MEET HIGHLIGHTS: Mat LeMaire qualified for the All New Englands, New England Oivision 3 championships, and the ECAC championships with a time of 7.95 in the 55 hurdles....Tom Gilbert qualified for the New England Division 3 championships with a throw of 45-2 in the shot put.

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Wheeton 123; 2. Bryent 78; 3. Westfield 71.5; 4. Hertwick 59; 5. Bridgewater State 47.5; 6. Community College of Rhode Island 34; 7. Bebson 25; 8. Rhode Island College 24; 9. Worcester Stete 18; 10. Salem Stete 6; 11. Emmenuel 2; 12. Fitchburg State 1.

SECOND: Ryan Fregeeu, 200, 23.02; Mat LeMaire, 55 hurdles, 7.95; 4 x 400 reley, 3:32.86; Tom Gilbert, shot put, 45-2.
THIRD: Peter King, shot put, 42-2.
FOURTH: Tom Bousquet, 3000, 9:08.23; distance medley, 11:09.13.
FIFTH: Geoff Churchill, 1500, 4:19.25; Jim Foley, high jump, 5-10.
SIXTH: Devid Eaton, 400, 53.47; Merco lennello, 800, 2:04.61; Nik Wlodyka, 1000, 2:52.58; Kyle Piazza, shot put, 40-8 1/4.
SEVENTH: Greg Aucooln, 200, 23.97; Josh Lewbel, long jump, 20-3.
EIGHTH: Chris Allle, long jump, 20-2 1/4.

WOMEN'S MEET HIGHLIGHTS: Sophomore Jess Silva of Reading qualified for the New England Division 3 and ECAC championships with a school record time of 1:40.61 in the 600 meter run....Sophomore Abbey Laffond of Athol qualified for the New England Division 3 and ECAC championships with a school record throw of 37-5 in the shot put....Jen Howard, in her first collegiate meet, qualified for the New England Oivision 3 finals by high jump 5-0....Andrea Sawler improved her time by 14 seconds in the 1000 meter run with a 3:31.52 clocking.

WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Wheeton 283; 2. Mt. Holyoke 58; 3. Bridgewater State 53; 4. Bryent 37; 5. Westfield 32; 6. Hartwick 25; 7. Rhode Island College 18; 8. Emmanuel 11; 9. Selem 9; 10. Fitchburg 8; 11. Worcester State 3.
SECOND: Andree Sewler, 1000, 3:31.52.
THIRD: Jess Silve, 600, 1:40.61; Catie Geldert, 3000, 12:15.56.
FOURTH: Jennifer Stryer, 1000, 13:46.71; Abbey Laffond, shot put, 37-5.
SIXTH: Abbey Laffond, weight throw, 38-6 3/4.
SEVENTH: KellyRose O'Brien, 400, 1:04.97; Aimee Worcester, 800, 2:37.41; Jennifer Howard, high jump, 5-9.

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The Special Season

Boston College ethletics director Gene DeFilippo was the featured speaker at e special reception honoring the 2001 Westfield State championship lootball team on Tuesday, Feb. 5 in Scanlon Benquet Hall. From left to right ere: DeFilippo, seniors Shewn Lymen, Tim Corr end P.J. Lorentzen, and head coach Steve Marino. The reception was co-sponsored by the Gridiron Club of Westfield State. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

Westfield State To Recognize National Girls and Women In Sports: "Celebrating 30 Years of Title IX"

2002 EVENT SCHEDULE

Get Fit - Stay Fit - Spring Break

This is an incentive program for female faculty, staff and students to get fit!
Sign up at the Wellness Center, utilize a fitness partner if you like, and receive prizes.
The program begins **Monday, February 11th, 2002** and continues until March 8th.
Sign up early as the participants will be limited to the first thirty.

Female Athlete Honoree Night

All varsity female athletes will be recognized during haltime and
a NGWSD Honoree will be chosen from each team.
Thursday, February 14, 2002
Women's Basketball Game, Parenzo Gym - 6:00 PM
Westfield State College vs. Framingham State College

Women in Sport Quiz

Answer any of the 10 questions correctly and have your name drawn for a t-shirt.
Quizzes can be found on the reverse side of this flyer and at the Wellness Center.
Completed quizzes can be returned to the Wellness Center Desk or the Campus Center.
Deadline for submission is **Tuesday, February 12th, 2002** and t-shirts will be
given out at the basketball game on February 14th.

Women, Peace & The Olympic Games

Attend this Guest Lecture Series event and hear speaker Mimi Murray,
Professor of Physical Edcucation at Springfield College.
Wednesday, February 20, 2002
333 Garden room - 7:00 PM

For More Information, call the Westfield State College Public Affairs Office, 413-572-5208.

Men's Basketball Report

Salem 86, Westfield State 76

SALEM - Salem State avenged its only league loss as it defeated Westfield State, 86-76, in men's basketball action Feb. 5.

The Vikings improved to 15-5 overall and 7-1 in the Mass. State Conference. Westfield suffered its seventh straight loss to fall to 7-13 overall and 3-6 in the league.

The statistics were fairly even with two exceptions; Westfield committed 19 turnovers to Salem's 13, and the Vikings outshot the Owls, 23-17 from the foul line.

Both teams shot 51 percent from the field and had balanced scoring attacks with four players in double figures.

Guards Ethan Slavin and Phil Conners both scored 14 points for the Owls. Slavin also had team highs of six rebounds and five assists. Sophomores Leonard Miller and Allen Murray each had 13 points.

Worcester 83, Westfield 69

WESTFIELD - Issac Outten (Far Rockaway, NY) scored a game-high 26 points to lead Worcester State (5-16, 3-5 MASCAC) to an 83-69 win Feb. 2.

Outten connected on 11 of 14 shots and added four steals.

Westfield led 39-37 at the half and 59-57 with 9:52 to play, but then went into a four-minute scoring drought in which time the Lancers posted an 8-0 run to take control of the game. Worcester got four points from Darrott Andrews (Worceter, MA/Worcester Voke) and three from Jonathan Herman (Naugatuck, CT) in the run.

The Lancers, who shot a sizzling 60 percent from the field, including 74 percent (17 for 23) in the second half.

Westfield had four players in double figures including 20 (17 in the first half) from Ethan Slavin (Mohegan Lake, NY).

Women's Hoops Avenges Loss To Worcester

WESTFIELD - Senior forward AJ LaBelle (Ashfield, MA/Mohawk Regional) scored 16 points to lead Westfield State to a 59-55 win over Worcester State in MASCAC action at the Parenzo Gymnasium on Saturday, Feb. 2.

Westfield led 35-30 at the half and held on down the stretch to defeat the Lancers. The victory avenged a 73-50 setback earlier this season at Worcester State.

The Owls led until the the 2:08 mark of the second half, when Worcester's Donna Zwemke (Ware) scored on a short jumper to give Worcester the lead at 53-52.

The two teams traded baskets, but with 40.6 seconds left, Westfield's Leslie Cooke (South Hadley, MA/Hopkins Academy) drilled a pair of free throws to give Westfield the lead for good, 56-55. The Owls added another free throw by Cooke and two by Brenda Knott (Dudley, MA/Shepard Hill) with 1.9 seconds left to seal the win.

The Owls improve to 8-12, 5-3 in the MASCAC, while Worcester drops to 11-10, 5-3 in the league.

Cooke netted 12 points for Westfield.

Salem 70 - Westfield S2

SALEM - Salem State won its 10th straight game with a 70-5 home victory over Westfield Stat in women's basketball action o Tuesday, Feb. 5.

The Vikings are 15-5 overall and 8-0 in the Mass.State Conference. Westfield is 8-13 and 5-4.

Poor shooting plagued the Owls, who were 15 for 56 from the field (27 percent) and 19 for 32 (5 percent) from the foul line.

Junior guard Kara Smolinsk scored a game-high 21 points fo Salem, which led 34-24 at halftim Betsy Nichols had 16 points and 1 rebounds.

Junior forward Alissa Tedesc continued to play well for Westfiel with team highs of 13 points an nine rebounds. Brenda Knott an Nicole Sealander both scored nin points.

Two of Westfield's top pla ers - senior guard Michaela Blane and junior center Melissa Cote - di not play.

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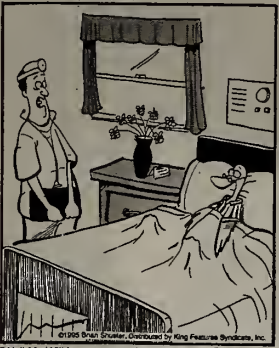
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"Well Mr. Wilkins, we were able to save your life, but I'm afraid we had to give you a heart from a duck...and a duck's kidneys...and, well, look, I've got to be honest..."

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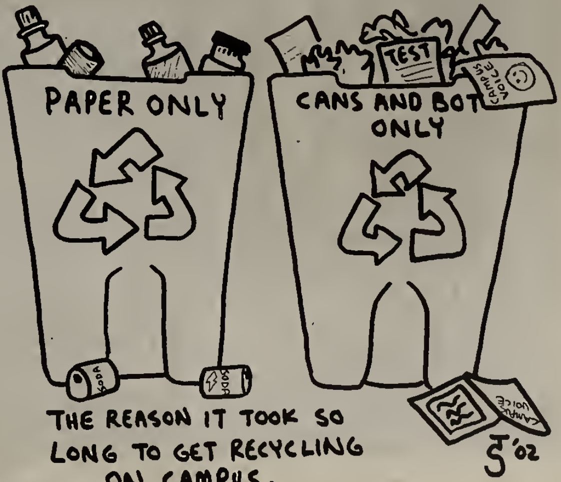

THE REASON IT TOOK SO LONG TO GET RECYCLING ON CAMPUS.

Personals

Susie, now it's your turn to do the dishes.

Alan, Symon, Theodore, dood-dood-do do do doot.

Alan Gates is my snood hero.

Kitty and Julie in 3B1 are sexy.

Happy Valentines Brian Stanton.

Gatesy ALMOST has a fatty!

"Give me a butt and i'll burn something. Give me a beer and i'll spill it. Give me a bowl and i'll smoke it!"

Rochey, I really enjoyed that night in your bed. - K

I love "pretty black!" Holla acha girl!

Happy Valntines Day to the girls in 3B1.

Stanton you are my luv bug.

Happy Valentines Day my love monkey.

Stanton Be Mine!

First Shows Third how the job is done!

Wait I was just wondering if we got into the club?

Okay we had "one." Okay...You need to leave...

There's nothing like swimming to releive stress.

Quick the PO-Diddy...PUT THE LIGHTS BACK ON!! Wait where'd everyone go?

LG, have fun at Anthony's?

Tracy's body is so BOOTY-licious!

Want another brownie Randy?

"Skaggy is AKA known as Dave."

Who is the adorable guy at Subway? Not Kevin or Geo...the other one.

1C2 Boys are breaking my heart.

Lima Bean Sex!

Wonka Wonka.

Save the marker so I can fingerprint it.

HI MOM!

Jess, why cna't I kill myself? I have no real importance in life. :)

SWM seaking the same, call x7111, ask for Joe.

Pumpkin Head at 34 Franklin.

I bring candy to give the pretty girls.

Please shut down everyprogram you were using and then go to special and shut down entire computer.

Kimba, can we go make some more pizzas?

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community ond da not reflect the opinions of the Compus Voice Staff.

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WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events

Day	Time	Event	Location
Mon 2/11	5:30 p.m.	Campus Activities Board	SGA Office
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Bridget Jone's Diary"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Legally Blonde"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Tue 2/12	1:00 p.m.	Mardi Gras Celebration	Third World Room
	5:00 p.m.	MTG Audtions	Dever Auditorium
	5:30 p.m.	Student Government Association	SGA Office
	7:00 p.m.	"Wild Women Don't Sing the Blues"	Third World Room
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Osmosis Jones"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Fast and the Furious"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Wed 2/13	1:00 p.m.	Mid Week Musicale	Dever Auditorium
	5:00 p.m.	MTG Auditions	Dever Auditorium
	7:00 p.m.	"Eyes on the Prize"	Third World Room
	7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Jurassic Park 3"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Higher Learning"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Thur 2/14	8:00 a.m.	Commuter Breakfast	Taco Bell
	6:00 p.m.	"Toni Morrison in Black and White"	Third World Room
	8:00 p.m.	Karaoke Night	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Best Man"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Swordfish"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Fri 2/15	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Sat 2/16	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Night with WSKB	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Sun 2/17	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57

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Go Pats!

Campus, New England unite in celebration

-Photo by Meg Canning

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Library hit by state budget cuts

By Laura Cyr
Editor in Chief

State budget cuts made to the WSC library for the Fiscal Year 2002 are much greater than originally expected, according to Hal Gibson, Director of Library Services.

"I was expecting a minor cut. I wasn't expecting what happened," Gibson said.

Gibson said expected funds for FY02 for all public higher education libraries was $11 million. The final FY02 Educational Reference Materials Allocation for the libraries for FY02 ended up being $5 million, a 64 percent decrease. The line item for last year was $14 million.

$250,000 was cut from WSC's allocation, Gibson said, leaving $119,372 for FY02, compared to $369,684 last year.

The budget cuts were expected this year, said Chief Financial Officer Nick Wojtowicz. Since it took so long for the state budget to be approved, "we knew something was wrong," he said.

The line item allows libraries to purchase new materials, such as journals and books, and to maintain their databases. Due to the cut in funds, many libraries on public campuses are having to cancel subscriptions, freeze book purchases and eliminate services.

Similar cuts may have to be made at WSC. "If other funds do not become available, the cuts are going to become 50 percent in books, databases and journals," Gibson said. "It's difficult now to see how we could cut that much material. We haven't completely worked it out yet because it is so much money."

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-File Photo

Rap group Run DMC, the headlining act of this semester's upcoming Spring Weekend festivities.

Run DMC will headline Spring Weekend 2002

By Nick Guarino
Voice Reporter

WSC will be hosting Run DMC as their headlining band for Spring Weekend 2002, held April 19 and 20.

"Run DMC doesn't just appeal to one crowd, so many people should enjoy the show," said Angela LaPierre, Vice President of the Campus Activities Board (CAB).

Run DMC cost WSC $15,000 opposed to Ja Rule or Shaggy who would cost more than $25,000, LaPierre said. "Having a cheaper headlining band will cut ticket prices for students," she said.

Right now, ticket prices for guests have not been determined but should be fairly inexpensive, she said. CAB has not booked any other bands to perform but have Almost Speechless, Traveling Matt and rap artist Mr. Lif as other possibilities, said LaPierre.

Students may be unhappy to hear that the rock band Itchy Fish will not be performing this year because of internal band problems, LaPierre said.

Other activities that will occur Spring Weekend will include an inflatable obstacle course, beer tent, bull riding, face painting, food and much

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Trustees learn of lack of Internet customer service

Telecommunications consultant to WSC discloses college profits from students' use of college's only available cable provider

By Adrienne Lamplough
Managing Editor

The Board of Governance Committee disclosed that WSC is earning an annual $250,000 profit from students' use of Media One cable television, the college's only available cable provider.

WSC negotiated a new contract with Media One and AT&T, where the college has nonstop cable television use with the purchase and distribution of the cable and electronics from the media company, said Rudy Richardson of Rand Associates, a telecommunication consultant helping WSC.

Rand Associates has been working with WSC to, "review technologies and infrastructures on campus," Richardson said.

An inventory was taken on the telephone system, cable television and Internet usage and Internet customer service, said Richardson.

The overall consensus from students and administration is the customer service is in a lack of timely support, the help desk doesn't always help and there is insufficient training which leaves the students to fend for themselves, Richardson said.

"General attitude is we'll have to take care of ourselves," said Richardson. "Not enough customer service for end users."

WSC has a robust infrastructure, the cable and equipment is of first class design and layout, he said. "It is capable of very high performances."

In the next four or five years, Rand Associates' goal is to update technology on campus, which will cost the college up to $6 million, Richardson said.

The public safety review committee met January 30, 2002, to review the arming of public safety on campus. The purpose of this committee is to review any issues that concern the arming of public safety, said Vice-President of Student Affairs Arthur Jackson.

The Public Safety department is currently going through the Massachusetts Police accreditation process, which is very comprehensive, said Jackson.

The arming policies of other campuses (Massasoit Community College, UMass Amherst, Boston and Dartmouth and Bridgewater State College) were reviewed carefully, said Jackson.

"The Public Safety officers know the strict rules and regulations and that any show of undue force could lead to dismissal upon investigation," Jackson said.

"Chief Scannell took the best parts of each of the other campus'

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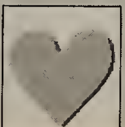

Looking for something new to do? Turn to Page 11 to read about Illusions, a new hangout complete with a mechanical bull.

MassPIRG reappears on campus after semester of leadership changes

By Melissa Marc
Voice Reporter

> "Basically, we stand up for the public anytime there's a chance that they may get left behind."
>
> -Paige Albertson, MassPIRG coordinator

For those wondering about the sudden reappearance of MassPIRG (Massachusetts Student Public Interest Research Group) this semester, WSC's new organizer Paige Albertson is your answer.

Originally from Texas, Albertson began working for MassPIRG at their Amherst office, then spent a semester working as a Campus Organizer for Rutgers University in New Jersey.

Coming into her new position, Albertson said she knew of the group's difficulties last semester. The group does a lot of hard work, Albertson said. "Students really want to work on issues and it's hard to stay motivated when a group is facing so many changes," she said.

The group never left but had a tough year, going through several

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SGA receives plaques for providing financial support to 9-11 relief efforts

By Jennifer Brooks
Voice Reporter

The Student Government Association seeks a place of honor for two plaques given to the school in recognition of outstanding financial support for the September 11 Disaster Relief Effort.

"We were one of the biggest," Eldredge said, referring to the college campus' inclusion on the list of major area donators. "Because of this, we need a special place to put them," he said, referring to the plaques given to WSC.

After the tragedy on September 11, the American Red Cross was looking for blood and cash donations, Eldredge said. SGA decided to hold their own fund drive where they were able to raise $2,500.00.

A dinner was held in December at the Foster House in Westfield to honor all of the major area donators. At this dinner, the plaques were presented to the SGA and WSC community.

The final spot for the plaques was not determined at last Tuesday's meeting but Eldredge said he is taking suggestions.

In other business, Vice President of Programming Angela LaPierre announced that Run DMC will be the headlining band this year for Spring Weekend. "We 100%, definitely have them for Spring Weekend," she said

There was originally a question of whether the entire group would be performing, LaPierre said. "But, the full group will be our headlining act."

Adding some humor to the meeting, Steve Penney, President of the Apartment Complex, gave his report wearing a flesh-colored condom shaped hat. Penney wore this hat to illustrate the council's the success with the sale of Condom Grams for Valentine's Day.

Wearing the hat was just his way of lightening the mood of the meeting, he said. "It's just kind of a fun thing that we're doing."

The Condom Grams, consisting of a Valentine's Day card and condom, will be delivered to students' significant others, Penney said. Condom Grams sales will end on February 13 or until they sell out, Penney said.

Some people on campus have considered the valentines to be in poor taste, Ashley Clark, a member of the Apartment Hall Council, said. "People have called it promiscuous and slutty, but that's not really what they are trying to do," she said.

In addition to fund raising for spring festivities, the council was also looking to promote safe sex awareness, Penney said.

> **"People have called it promiscuous and slutty, but that's not really what they are trying to do."**
> **Ashley Clark, member of Apartment Hall Council, on the Condom Grams fundraiser**

Spring Weekend

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more. CAB expects to sell from 1,000 to 1,250 tickets this year, said LaPierre.

"It was $37 per guest last year and I'm guessing it will be a lot cheaper since student ticket prices went from 20 to 10 dollars," LaPierre said.

LaPierre said that the number of guests for each residence hall would be the same as last year. The number of allowed guests for Courtney Hall and the Apartment Complex is fifty and 30 guests each are allowed for Dickinson, Davis, Lammers and Scanlon.

Sophomore Melissa Wilbur said, "I think that more people will come to Spring Weekend if we have an old school group come perform on campus."

"Run DMC is modern day legends of hip hop," Ryan Rowe, a sophomore, said.

"I think it'll be fun to mix it up with a little old school," freshman Megan Carmichael said.

Other WSC students weren't as enthusiastic. Junior Adam Sassone said, "I think that Run DMC is a waste of money and a waste of time to go see."

Even with mixed views LaPierre is still confident in this year's Spring Weekend. "Spring Weekend should be a great time and everyone should enjoy it," she said.

Tickets will go on sale at the Ely Campus Center Teller Window later this month and will cost $10 each. The concert will be held in the back of Ely just as in previous years.

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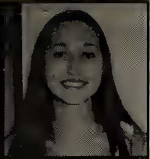
From the Editor's Desk



Remember come November

The Westfield State library budget is only one of the many budgets that have been greatly reduced in the past few months. Every day newspapers print stories on how money for dental coverage or the funding for social services programs are being cut and how state employees, such as those who work for the state court system, are volunteering to work eight days without pay to avoid layoffs. The state is short on money, and they are looking to many places in which they can trim the fat and try to balance the budget, with public higher education, unfortunately, being one of those places.

According to a Boston Herald article, state colleges have received orders to slash their budgets even more for next year, and the target for Westfield State is $1.87 million, said President Woodward. Westfield State has already imposed freezes on hiring and purchasing new equipment, which, while everyone bopes they won't, could have a negative effect on the quality of education the students here receive. Hal Gibson, Director of the Library, said that the library cuts alone will "have a significant negative impact on everything we do." One can only assume budget cuts college wide may have the same negative impact.

One way public colleges and universities are trying to make up for the shortages are by raising student fees, such as user fees and room and board costs. UMass has already increased fees, first for this current semester, and by about $300 more for next semester. And now, there are plans for the state colleges to follow suit and increase fees next year. Raising these fees is not something state college officials wanted to do, but is now something they may be forced to do.

In this time of budget shortages, I would like to remind students that the money is tight because of budget cuts from the state. The administration of the college is trying to do what they can to compensate for the great lack of funds. While we don't want to see fees raised on projects put on hold, it may be the only answer for now. Kevin Heaton writes in his column this week that there is no reason to delay the addition of elevators in Parenzo further. While I agree with Kevin that I wish elevators were already in the buildings, I disagree that all projects should go on as scheduled, despite the current budget. Millions of dollars in new construction work required by the federal Americans with Disabilities Act have already been cancelled on public campuses in Massachusetts, according to a Boston Globe article. While administrators know this will put Massachusetts behind the curve of states modernizing their campuses and could open them up to potential lawsuits, there is no other option. Public higher education has not been given enough money to cover these million dollar construction projects, resulting in this decision that left many shocked, saddened, and angry at the lack of funding public higher education is receiving. While I don't like seeing such projects put on hold either, if it means we don't have to layoff professors like what recently happened at Berkshire Community College, then I say we delay the projects for a year or two so we can continue to have enough faculty to provide the students with a quality education, which I believe is the main mission of the college.

I hope many of you are angry about the cuts public higher education has received as I am. It has seemed for a little while now that we don't get the respect we deserve, and the situation just keeps getting worse. I ask all of you though to remember how angry you are now, even if you are graduating in spring and won't be attending these institutions any more, and bring this anger with you to the voting booths on election day come this November. Then we may have a chance to see the situation turned around.

Laura Cyr
Editor-In-Chief

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policies to compose our policy," said Jackson.

"The officers have to go through a one-time psychological test, which consists of a written test and an interview with a psychologist. The test takes several hours to complete, as well as, a fire arms qualifying," said Jackson.

So far, there haven't been any incidents, but the Public Safety Director can revoke an officer's privilege to carry a gun, according to Jackson. The guns are not taken off campus but are kept in a lock-box.

"The guns require a double action every time a shot is fired, not just for the first shot. The guns do not fire when the clip is removed, unlike other guns that leave one bullet in the firing chamber after the clip is removed," Jackson said.

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Library

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Gibson said the cuts will affect the quality of the services to the college community. "It will affect almost everything we do," he said. "It's going to have a significant negative impact on everything."

The college will most likely not be able to make up the lost library funds this year, Wojtowicz said. He added that perhaps next year, with increased revenue, the library may receive additional funding.

Wojtowicz said the shortage in funding will most likely continue into the next year as well. "We have been warned to plan on those cuts for the next two years," he said.

Gibson said the impact of the budget cuts has been felt by all the public institutions and that they will all handle things differently. He said everyone wants to hang on to the databases the best they can.

Some of the area public colleges have already made plans on how they will deal with the shortage of funding, according to a Union News article. Springfield Technical Community College has canceled more than 200 subscriptions. Holyoke Community College is eliminating almost all new microfilm, and Greenfield Community College will not be purchasing any new books unless they receive a gift from the college's private foundation.

The Du Bois Library at University of Massachusetts Amherst has eliminated 975 journals, frozen book buying and may be forced to consider other actions such as limiting hours of operation.

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

The library budget cuts will affect the ability to purchase new materials, such as books and journals.

MassPIRG

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leadership changes last fall. MassPIRG lost not one, but two leaders last semester and spent the second half of the semester trying to find someone to guide the organization.

Albertson said she refuses to believe the rumors about uninvolved WSC students. "I've gone to many classes already, speaking about MassPIRG, and have handed out interest cards. I've received about 200 cards back, which I see as a very positive response," she said.

Student members of MassPIRG said they are also optimistic about the new semester.

Senior Jana Moriarty, now a project organizer, came to the group through an internship last September. Moriarty said she has enjoyed her experiences with the group so far. "We make people aware of both sides of the story. We let them see what they have to lose in many instances, and also show them what they can gain and how they can do it," she said.

Moriarty said she is also confident in the group's new leader, Albertson. "I feel good about working with Paige. She's very upbeat and is ready to get things going."

The group has many campaigns planned for the semester and all students are encouraged to volunteer their time and get involved, Albertson said.

"I came from a school where tradition was stressed, but I don't see that sense of tradition here necessarily. I'd love to institutionalize a tradition of volunteering here, which I think is possible through our many different projects," Albertson said.

One of MassPIRG's main focuses right now is their "Open Space Project," designed to protect public land in Massachusetts from development. Along with other chapters, the group has helped to bring the Public Lands Preservation Bill to Congress and is working to ensure that the bill is passed.

"We have been getting students to sign petitions supporting the bill, which will be brought to the statehouse on Friday, February 22. We're going to present the signatures to Senator Thomas Birmingham at a press conference, in hopes that he can help pass the bill," Albertson explained.

However, MassPIRG is not just about collecting signatures and paperwork, Albertson said. "We have some unconventional ideas also. For example, the chapters are going to present the signatures to Senator Birmingham on cakes, with the theme of 'Pass the bill, it's a piece of cake.' We're hoping this approach will draw some positive attention to our campaign," she said.

MassPIRG not only works on environmental and political campaigns, but also social campaigns and consumer interest projects, Albertson said. "Basically, we stand up for the public anytime there's a chance that they may get left behind."

"A recent victory for us has been keeping interest rates on student loans down. We act as a voice for the public, as a watchdog in a way," she said.

- Another important event this semester is the 18th Annual Hunger Cleanup, to be held on April 6. Sponsored by the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness (NSCAHH), the cleanup benefits organizations within the community and allows the NSCAHH to continue giving long-term support as well.

Students nationwide volunteer their time in the community, with work ranging from creating community gardens to helping out in local shelters. Family and friends support the students, pledging money for the time spent volunteering.

"I think that many students want to become more involved, but don't necessarily know how to go about doing so. We serve as an outlet for students to become involved, both locally and statewide," Albertson said. For those interested in learning more about MassPIRG, public meetings are held Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at the Ely second floor lobby. Information can also be obtained by e-mailing the group at wscmasspirg@yahoo.com.

Gain hands on experience at real employment agencies and companies belonging to The Washington Center internship program. Lynn Gaulin, the WSC representative from the center will be here on campus for students to learn more about what The Washington Center may offer students of any major. Come to one of the two open informational sessions on Thursday, Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. or 3 p.m. at Career Services in the Lammers Annex. Get yourself ahead of your future before it even starts. Westfield State students internship sites include AFL-CIO, State Dept., Maryland Public Defenders, and Fight Crime Invest in Kids. Call Maureen McCartney with further questions at 572-5206.

Voice of The Week

Paige Albertson

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"CHEESE SANDWICH."

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"HALF EATEN BOX OF CHOCOLATES IN 3RD GRADE FROM NERDIEST KID IN SCHOOL."

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COMMUNICATIONS

Voices Overheard compiled by Peter Costas

Catered college events are cut to save WSC money

BY JOSEPH FOUNTAIN
VOICE REPORTER

No more free lunches for administrators, faculty or staff. The ax is dropping on administrative, academic and faculty catered events to save the college between $40,000 and $50,000, this according to Chief Financial Officer Nick Wojtowicz.

Mr. Wojtowicz went on the say, "there will be no cutbacks to student functions that have already been scheduled and will not effect student's present services."

Cuts at every school of higher education in Massachusetts have caused Westfield State College to find every ounce of pork for the knife.

In the face of these cuts however, Sodexho will not have to lay off any of its 120 workers.

According to the Director of the Dining Commons, Peter Stetson, Sodexho will be able to accommodate the decrease in demand through normal attrition and schedule changes.

The staff that will be affected are on call catering staff, but their shifts may be accommodated in other areas of food services.

According to Stetson most of the catered events for the college are break even. During an interview on Friday, Stetson said that he wasn't sure how much the college would save, but that the money catering was going to be receiving was not a significant hit to the overall status of food services on campus. "We're in a partnership with the college and we want to be a part of the campus, if the school is hurting for money we will adjust to accommodate their needs," Stetson said.

Stetson went on to say, "if need be we will eat some of the costs of certain events we feel are important, we want to be here and serve the campus community."

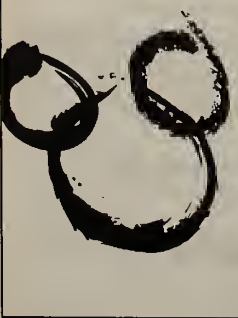
Sodexho and Westfield State College have invested almost $700,000 to do renovations at the main dining hall and another $20,000 on Western Avenue 333's dining facility.

According to the Wojtowicz, the dining commons have become a standout facility with many private colleges coming to visit including Brown and Bryant Colleges. Kerri Burke, sophomore, Business major said, "The dining commons have a really good selection of food."

Sodexho signed the original food contract in 1994. The contract has been renewed twice and the new contract runs until 2011. The contract is worth about four million dollars in gross sales annually, which includes retail and restaurants like Subway and Taco Bell. The college received enhancement money for facilities in this past contract of about $625,000.

Westfield State College has two ways to cancel the contract. One is by giving 60 days notice and the other is on November 23rd. The college can cancel the contract at anytime under those terms.

Sodexho is a large multinational corporation with food and management services all over the world. According to the company website, it was founded in 1966 and is the world's largest provider of food services and management. Last year Sodexho did over 4.7 billon in business in the US and 4.8 billon in Europe.



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Programs planned as follow up to Diversity 101

By Alison Close
Voice Reporter

February 18 will be kicking off several programs promoting diversity on campus, events that will lead to Diversity 101's sequel, Diversity 201, a forum encouraging all students and community members to take an active role in promoting diversity.

Diversity 201 is the follow-up forum to last year's Diversity 101, in which over 300 students, faculty, staff and administrators attended to focus on diversity issues on campus. GSA, Third World Organization, SGA, LAFE and MARASA combined to make this previous event possible.

Five of the original student organizations came together this fall with Common Grounds, Week Celebrating Women and Circle K to plan events for a second round, Diversity 201.

Diversity 201 will be more specific than the last forum, concentrating on assisting the campus to become more active and involved in promoting diversity on and off campus.

In addition to these student organizations, Director of Student Affairs Susan LaMontagne and Professor Frank Giuliano of the Science Department also contributed to the planning for Diversity 201.

LaMontagne said the first forum was powerful and impressive. "Participants took personal risks by standing up and telling their experiences. Both the small group and large group discussions were eye-opening and productive," LaMontagne said.

"Many walked away with a very positive feeling, even though we discussed some issues that have a long way to go," she said.

LaMontagne added it was clear that diversity is an issue people want to talk about. "I think the energy that was felt during the first forum is what has given momentum to the second forum," she said.

LaMontagne also praised the original organizations that founded Diversity 101. "Bravo to all of those students who care so much and are willing to work to make things happen."

Giuliano shared LaMontagne's feelings and said Diversity 101 deserved a follow-up. "Following Diversity 101, it was clear that additional forums would be necessary in order to continue to foster awareness and change with respect to these issues on campus," he said.

"These kinds of presentations help to broaden our perspectives and make us more culturally sensitive and aware." Professor Frank Giuliano

"In the weeks following Diversity 101, I heard a lot of people on campus talking about what they learned and how their perspectives had changed as a result of the forum," Giuliano added. "In my opinion, those statements are evidence of success."

Giuliano said these steps could prove fruitless if there isn't a consistent effort to keep issues of diversity and multiculturalism at the top of their priorities.

Giuliano said he has great expectations for Diversity 201. In addition to the forum, Giuliano said, there are a number of speakers that will come to WSC to discuss their personal experiences. "These kinds of presentations help to broaden our perspectives and make us more culturally sensitive and aware," he said.

As for the events leading to Diversity 201, LAFE is sponsoring a discussion involving minority enrollment and how the school has handled this in the past. This will be the first event, held on Feb 18, 3:30 – 5 p.m. The location is to be announced.

MARASA will be hosting an open forum addressing specific actions and how they affect women differently. The Women's Auxiliary of MARASA will be helping with this event and all are encouraged to attend. The forum will be held Feb. 27 at 8 p.m. in the Scanlon Banquet Hall.

Vice President of Volunteering for MARASA, Junior Jay Lanzillo, said he enjoyed being a part of last year's event and is looking forward to this year's follow up. "Last year was a great surprise," Lanzillo said. "We got involved with the program very late in the game and had no idea that so many people were interested in those issues."

"I'm particularly looking forward to attending the LAFE event. I've had the privilege of sitting in on a few of their meetings and I really want to see what they're going to do," he said.

Lanzillo added that he really appreciates the Women's Auxiliary of MARASA and commented that their involvement, "is a real learning process for the men."

GSA will host an informational scavenger hunt and game show with refreshments and prizes. This event will be held March 20 at 4:30 p.m. in the Scanlon Banquet Hall.

Diversity 201 will be held to discuss issues such as racism, sexism, classism, heterosexism, ageism and anti-Semitism. Everyone is encouraged to attend this discussion on April 3 at 4:30 p.m. in the Scanlon Banquet Hall.

"The student groups that are organizing Diversity 201 should be recognized and commended for their efforts. We often hear about the apathy of our students, but this is a very good example of our students making a significant effort and getting involved to make our campus a better place," Giuliano concluded.

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Empire State Building seen as more of a target, less desirable office space

Christine Haughney
The Washington Post

The fight for the corner office has ended.

Fear of terrorism has tenants fleeing the Empire State Building, that totemic symbol of New York City and once again its tallest building. About 15 percent of the building's office space is reported to be vacant, and the cost of subleased space has dropped from $40 to $25 per square foot in the past six months.

Real estate brokers try to push the building's fame and significance. But they acknowledge that some tenants now hear the word ``famous" and think ``target."

``It's the other tall trophy," said broker Marc Miller. ``People say if there is another attack of some kind, that could very well be a target."

Miller said that one of his clients, an accounting firm, is moving out because potential employees might be afraid to work in the 103-story building.

In the past six weeks, he said, only one new customer has been willing to check out space.

Brides and grooms, however, are treading where office workers fear to go. On Thursday, 10 couples will marry or renew their vows on the 80th floor of the Empire State Building. It's an annual Valentine's Day ritual, and just as popular this year as ever.

One of the brides will be Caroline Bochnia`who chose the site in part because her cousin's husband was killed in the Sept. 11 attacks.

``You never know when your life is going to get cut short," she said. ``So you have to take advantage of it."

Scientists try to make a spider's silk from goat's milk

Robert Cooke
Newsday

Those gossamer-thin fibers that spiders weave to entrap their prey are now being made artificially, in test tubes, in laboratories, in unlikely kinds of cells, scientists report.

Because spiders are inherently uncooperative, scientists trying to exploit the arachnids' fiber-making talents have turned to biotechnology, exploiting gene splicing to create new industrial materials. The goal is to find cheap, commercial ways to make stuff that's strong enough for use in bulletproof vests, and elegant fabrics even thinner and stronger than silk.

``Spiders have achieved something that dwarfs any of man's achievements," said Jeffrey Turner, president of Nexia Biotechnologies, in Quebec.

``They are able to create fibers with unparalleled properties" without resorting to high temperatures, pressures or exotic chemistry.

He and his fellow researchers wrote in the journal Science that ``spider dragline silk is a flexible, lightweight fiber of extraordinary strength and toughness."

These properties come from the way the spider silk is made. Spiders ``use liquid crystals, forming super-tough and super-strong fibers with the common building blocks of nature, the same (chemicals) as in hair," Tumer said. ``What's unique is the way they put them (the chemicals) together to form these wonderful liquid crystals" that form spontaneously into silky fibers.

Spider dragline silk is so desirable because it is very light, yet proportionately stronger than either steel wire or the ultra-strong plastic fibers called Kevlar. But, even though spiders worldwide spin fibers all the time, spider silk isn't generally available as a commercial product. Despite decades of work, no one has induced gangs of cranky spiders to live together peacefully after all, they eat each other.

Tumer and his colleagues including Steven Arcidiacono, at the U.S. Army's research laboratory in Natick, Mass. gave up on herding spiders and chose to work instead with cells in dishes, and more recently in goats. As the scientists reported recently, their cell culture systems are already making spider silk protein, which the researchers have succeeded in spinning into silk fibers. Nanny goats are expected to come on line soon as silkmakers.

``We know it works in cell culture, but the cells don't make a lot," Turner explained, so ``18 months ago we took the same types of genes (from spiders) and introduced them into single-cell goat eggs. These goats Webster and Peter grew up as the first goats confirmed to have spider silk genes. They're the founders."

The two engineered males were then bred with ordinary female goats, producing a few females that also carry the spider silk genes. Now these females are pregnant, and when they give birth in a few weeks and begin lactating, Turner and his colleagues hope to find their milk awash in spider silk protein, which can be spun into silk fibers.

If that works, he explained, ``we'll be turning water and hay into spider silk." The new silk protein can be removed from the watery milk through simple filtration methods, and then it will be squirted through tiny holes to form fibers. The fresh fibers are passed through a bath of alcohol that quickly extracts the water, finishing the process.

``We know the proof of concept works. Now we need to produce more of the protein and turn it into fibers," Turner said. They hope to force the silk protein through a device with about 100 tiny holes so they can make a large amount of silk at one time.

In addition, collaboration with a company in Germany may lead to genetically engineered plants that can also ``grow" spider silk. It's already been shown ``that you can make the protein in tobacco and potato plants," Turner said, although the rate of silk protein production is still far too low.

At present, the spider silk made in cells growing in culture is good enough for most anticipated uses, including thin threads for microsurgery and for textiles. But it's not yet strong enough for the U.S. Army's interest. ``It's not for bullet protection yet," Turner said.

``Haute couture houses have already been calling us about it, because it sparkles," he added. The spider silk fibers act like micro-prisms that make cloth look like silk, though it is thinner and stronger than silk.

In their experiments, the researchers focused first on the common orb weaver spider and the strongest type of fiber it makes, dragline silk. That is the least stretchable type of fiber, the one the spiders rely on to secure their webs to nearby branches or other solid supports. In contrast, the ``capture spiral" that is designed to trap prey within the net, is made from a highly elastic fiber that can stretch as much as 300 percent without breaking. In all, the spiders can make seven different kinds of silk for different uses.

Contrary to expectations, spider silk is not sticky when it's made. The glue-like properties of spider silk come from a sticky coating that the spiders apply after the silk is in place.

At present, spider silk is being made in cow and hamster cells growing in culture.

Turner noted that trying to use spider silk is not a new idea; generations of scientists and others have been trying to find some way to make it in large amounts and exploit its amazing properties. But now, it seems, they may soon succeed.

Two cents' worth about a penny here, a penny there

Phil McCombs
Washington Post

Recently I treated an old buddy to a steak dinner in a nice restaurant and the bill came to $140. It was sobering, particularly since I hadn't had anything to drink.

Shocked, I went into high cost-cutting mode. No more Starbucks ($1.67 a whack). No more Sunday lunch out ($7). Scrub the Saturday night movie ($8.25, double that if I treat), to say nothing of popcorn ($4.75). Bring lunch to work (a $2 daily saving), hold off on rejoining the Antique Boat Museum ($25).

In the month following that steak dinner, I saved $270 just by scrimping.

My shift to the good old American tradition of Thinking Small about money was a change. Previously, my theory had been to Think Big: Why spend an hour fiddling with grocery coupons to save $12.50 when in that same hour you could identify a likely undervalued stock and make thousands?

Then the market crashed, and I felt like an idiot. Focusing on grocery coupons might have saved@ me thousands. In money matters, it seems, whenever I'm inside my own head I'm behind enemy lines.

For some fresh ideas for my new campaign, I called a few pals to ask how they save.

``The first thing I do is look at my bank statement _ that gives me a healthy fright," reported Vincent Fruchart, 45, an international development consultant.

He was having dinner as we talked a tasty Stouffer's item that's ``a meal for two, so I divide it in two and it goes for two days. It's cheap, it brings my meal to $3."

Vincent has also stopped buying CDs (``I can always wait"), switched from a private gym to the Y, and limited restaurant meals to one a month. ``I've also been juggling my credit card balances," to take advantage of those zero percent offers that keep arriving in the mail. ``And I go with a friend to Costco and piggyback on their card." That's $40 right there!

Quinn Harry, 51, a systems analyst, records ``every penny I spend, from the 35-cent gizmo to the $35 dinner. At the end of each month, I know where my money has gone. It really works; it makes you conscious of what you're doing."

He leaves his credit cards at home and stopped buying coffee at 7-Elevens: ``I make it at home and carry it with me." When he's tempted to indulge his passion for camera or diving gear, ``I never spend more than $200 without first discussing it with my wife. And even if it's under $200, I always wait 24 hours to think about it first."

Danny Veirs, 42, an independent housing contractor, stays no more than half an hour in the grocery store to counter any tendency to overspend. He's also started returning stuff to the lumberyard when he doesn't need it, rather than keeping it around just in case. ``After I separated from my wife, I took $2,000 worth of stuff back!"

``I love to dance," Danny added, ``so I'm treating myself to that you pay $10 to get in, but I bring my own bottle of water so I don't have to spend $3 for a Coke."

Paradoxically, he's ordered $4,000 worth of new furniture a psychological boost at a tough time. ``I'm worth it," he said, ``and it gives my kids a comfortable environment. They see that Dad's doing OK: He's cooking, cleaning; he's got a nice place to live."

Finally, I checked in with Eric Bauer, 23, a senior at Pra Institute in Brooklyn who's datin my daughter Margaret.

``I usually, hmmm ... well, I usually don't@ save, but when I need to I kind of mooch off the girlfriend. Sometimes I just don eat. I stretch it out to one big mea a day, or go to gallery opening where they have free wine and cheese.

``I find all my clothing it's either given to me, or I find somewhere. If there's a clothing drive at school, I'll trade things I don't want for things I need."

When a nearby compute store discarded some parts, Eri went over with a screwdriver an ``got extra little parts for my computer, hard drives and stuff."

``All my furniture I find o the street. You'd be amazed, pe ple just throw stuff away. ... hu wide-screen TVs, they just lea them on the curb for the garbag men. That's why we have fi TVs at home," he said. ``Marga and I do a lot of scrounging an scavenging."

Hmmm, wonder where sh learned that.

Mexican General Vows to Clear His Name (Mexico City)

Kevin Sullivan
The Washington Post

MEXICO CITY-Newly released from prison on orders from President Vicente Fox, Gen. Jose Francisco Gallardo pledged Friday to keep fighting to clear his name and to seek punishment for the Mexcian military officials who ordered what human rights groups call his unjust eight-year imprisonment.

``A democratic state should be a state that repairs damages done to any person's human rights,' said Gallardo, 55, wearing a crisp gray business suit meeting at a mid-day news conference.

Fox gave in to years of domestic and international pressure from rights groups and ordered Gallardo's release Thursday evening, reducing his 28-year sentence to time served. But he did not pardon Gallardo or clear his record as Gallardo had wanted. Fox also did not announce any plans to investigate Gallardo's case further to determine if his rights were been violated or if he is entitled to reparations. As a result, human rights groups called Gallardo's release a half-measure.

``This is not enough," said Christian Rojas, head of Amnesty International's Mexico office, who joined Gallardo at the news conference. While praising Fox for freeing Gallardo, he added that Fox needs to ``eliminate the roots" of judicial abuse.

``It's a half-victory," said Roderic Camp, a specialist on the Mexican military at Claremont McKenna College in California. ``It represents some progress in the sense that the civilian authorities were able to persuade the military authorities to do this. But it doesn't mean anything at all for internal military policies."

Gallardo spoke with his daughter, Jessica, 8, sitting on his lap. She was born three weeks before he was imprisoned in November 1993 on charges that he defamed the military by suggesting in a published article that the military needed an independent ombudsman to investigate wrong-doing by soldiers.

Gallardo, a former Olympic athlete and once Mexico's youngest brigadier general, was later convicted in a military court on theft and corruption charges that rights groups say were fabricated. They said his real crime was publicly challenging the leaders of Mexico's secretive and closed military.

In a round of media appearances that began with a pre-dawn radio show, Gallardo repeatedly said he is grateful to Fox for his freedom. But he said Fox has not gone far enough to address the causes of human rights abuses in Mexico, especially by the military.

Gallardo noted that, under Fox, Mexico is beginning to investigate some of the darkest chapters of its recent past, including a 1968 massacre of student protesters and the disappearances and presumed murders of hundreds of anti-government activists in the 1970s and 1980s. Soldiers were involved in those cases, and many other cases of torture, illegal imprisonment and other human rights abuses.

China puts would-be brides, grooms to the test

CHING-CHING NI
LOS ANGELES TIMES

SHANGHAI, China-The 47-year-old construction worker says his wife left him because his doctor told her a certain body part of his is ``too small."

How does the doctor know, and why is it relevant?

Because you can't get married in China without a physical exam. Its purpose, among other things, is to determine whether couples are not only willing but also able to carry out the healthy pursuit of pleasure and procreation.

To most Westerners, this system of peek and probe may seem an embarrassing and unnecessary intervention from the state. The most a government would ask of a bride or groom in the United States is a blood test.

But in China, tying the knot, like family planning, is still regarded as much more than a personal affair. With 1.3 billion mouths to feed, China has assumed an extra burden to scrutinize those who intend to marry and multiply.

Doctors say the physicals are necessary to curb diseases and ensure that people with dire mental and physical problems don't reproduce and burden the state.

The doctor's job is to look for ``unmarriageable illnesses," but the law does not spell out what those illnesses are. So anything from cancer to schizophrenia, muteness to genital deformity could spur a doctor to classify someone as unsuitable for holy matrimony.

Many Chinese couples consider the premarital physical a minor inconvenience for a greater good. This is a country that still uses physical exams to ration social privileges, from driving a car to applying for college.

But others feel victimized by the system and say the state is playing God by engaging in unnatural selection.

A groom-to-be in his 80s made headlines last year when he proposed to a woman in her 70s. He had no intention of having more children. So he was outraged to learn that he, too, had to bare all for the doctor.

One woman sued her doctors because they claimed the lines on her stomach were stretch marks from a pregnancy. Their claim prompted the woman's fiance to break off the engagement. The marks were later attributed to weight loss, and the woman was awarded $900 in damages, according to a case study published by a legal Web site. The fiance still refused to go through with the wedding.

The construction worker, interviewed by phone from his home in northern China's Liaoning province, said his doctor's ``too small" diagnosis was plain wrong. To prove it, he got six other doctors' opinions, and each of them rated him ``normal."

He sued the original physician for slander, but the court ruled that it was the doctor's job to call it as he saw it.

The couple did marry, but the woman left her husband three months after their wedding. She couldn't live with the doctor's judgment, said the construction worker, who did not want his name used.

``I'm the only son in the family," he said. ``Of course I want to marry again. But next time, I've got to find a different doctor."

Many experts say China's marriage law is too vague, with too much room for arbitrary rulings.

``The issue is not whether or not to inspect, but how to inspect and what to look for," said Xu Anqi, a sociologist at Shanghai's Academy of Social Sciences. ``Some inspecting agencies are poorly regulated. They don't pay enough attention to the patient's privacy. They look for things that are irrelevant, such as signs of premarital sex."

Urban residents complain that the government is less strict with people in the countryside, where medical resources are in short supply.

``It's hard to enforce in the countryside, but it's very important that they try," said Tong Jian, a 27-year-old government official from coastal Jiangsu province, who married last year. ``The blood ties there tend to be very close, and diseases are widespread. Many people do not even know they are carriers."

For some, the medical exams and byzantine marriage application process are enough to make them skip the formalities.

One Shanghai couple had hoped to wed but was stymied by the first requirement on the marriage application: proving that they were single. The woman had just returned to China after more than 10 years of study in the United States, so she could not call on an employer or neighborhood committee to vouch for her. And she was daunted by the request to prove she had never been married in the United States. The couple simply gave up.

``I had no idea it was this complicated," said the woman, who nevertheless wears a sparkling diamond ring and platinum wedding band that tell the rest of the world if not the state that she is, in essence, married.

U.N. food relief draws crowd of hungry Afghans

VALERIE REITMAN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

NEJRAB, Afghanistan-Down from the snow-covered mountains they came by the hundreds, to load giant sacks of donated wheat onto their backs or their burros.

The worst off said that for days they hadn't eaten much more than grasses foraged from the forest and tea brewed from barley or the leaves of walnut trees.

The better off said they hadn't tasted the long flatbread called ``naan," an Afghan staple, in ages, and had been subsisting on maize baked with grass into coarse, unpleasant loaves.

They came to partake of the first handout from the U.N. World Food Program in four war-battered valleys northeast of the capital, Kabul. On a recent day, aid workers began passing out 700 metric tons of wheat, enough to feed as many as 85,000 people for two months.

Many people in Afghanistan are hungry. The worst drought in 30 years has withered the country's crops, while more than two decades of fighting have decimated its population.

``The people in my village are weak," said Mohammed Yaqub, 38, who started walking at 7 a.m. from Dochi Khail, roughly eight miles away. He arrived at 10:30 at the Nejrab clinic, which was doubling as a wheat distribution center. ``There are no jobs, no water, no work, no business."

So many people came down from the mountains that Nejrab was overrun by donkeys and horses bedecked with bright red woven sacks and pink, red, purple and yellow tassels, all waiting to be loaded down with 220-pound burlap bags of grain. Each would cost about $85 in the local market.

The villagers are among the 6 million Afghans about one-quarter of the nation's population for whom the United Nations is providing food. Wheat for this distribution came from Pakistan in brightly colored commercial trucks, and local aid groups were charged with handing it out. Since Sept. 11, the World Food Program has sent more than 250,000 metric tons of food into the country, or about 12,500 truckloads.

Still, the agency hasn't been able to reach some of the areas it thinks are most vulnerable to famine. They are deep in the country's snowy central mountains. Helicopter airlifts are being considered.

Nejrab is just 50 miles from Kabul, but the roads are so bad that the trip takes more than three hours in the U.N.'s four-wheel-drive vehicles and more than a day by truck.

And there are safety problems. One food truck slipped off an icy bridge, killing the driver. Another hit a land mine, destroying the truck and the wheat, although the driver survived. Other drivers have been attacked and robbed of wheat 40 metric tons of it. In one case, the truck was stolen and the wheat handed out to residents by the thieves.

Still, just 0.2 percent of the wheat distributed in Afghanistan has been stolen, said Catherine Bertini, World Food Program executive director, who passed recently through Kabul.

The people of Afghanistan need other foodstuffs as well. ``They need lentils, sugar and oil, but they're difficult to pack," program spokesman Jordan Dey said.

Despite their hardships, some villagers were cheerful as they waited to pick up their rations the other day. They chuckled as a donkey, pushed by Yaqub to go forward to pick up the wheat, inched backward. A crowd laughed uproariously when a foreign visitor asked if the donkey had a name. Afghans rarely name their dogs or horses, let alone donkeys.

> **"There are no jobs, no water, no work, no business."**
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> **Mohammed Yaqub, a villager from Dochi Khail**

Abdul Razeq, 56, has no land of his own and only occasionally can find work farming or laboring for others. His village, Wesha, was mostly destroyed in fighting, and his family lives out of a few rooms they've managed to fix up in their house.

Razeq walked five hours to get here but left his two donkeys behind because he wasn't sure he'd be able to get any wheat. But there he was, struggling to carry the provisions on his back for even a few hundred yards. He hoped to haul the grain as far as a friend's house a bit farther up the mountain, and return for it with his animals the next day.

In nearby Parwari, the people ``haven't yet died (of hunger), but they're half-dead," said village representative Ghulam Farouk.

``It's very good to get (the wheat); it meets the people's needs," he said, calling those passing it out ``good people, behaving well."

About half the World Food Program's wheat comes from the United States, but the grain in this distribution was from Pakistan. Rips in the shabby burlap bags, perhaps caused by rodents, perhaps by warehouse workers looking to skim something for themselves, left trails of grain around the village.

The spillage was a bounty for Mohammed Hasrat, 5, who was picking up grains to ``give to the chickens."

Abdul Kamir, 40, weary from walking up the mountain with one of the huge sacks, sat on the roadside catching his breath. Like many other villagers, he wore no socks inside his simple rubber shoes.

Despite the hardship of lugging it home, he was deeply grateful for the wheat. ``Instead of eating bullets as we used to," he said, ``we're now eating bread."

The Cut

Most of you by now realize that "Evian," as in the bottled water, spelled backwards is "naive." What you may not have known is just how naive. People spend about 240 times more per gallon for bottled water than they typically do for tap water yet about one-fourth of bottled water is actually bottled tap water, according to government and industry estimates (some estimates go as high as 40 percent). Even when bottled waters are covered by the FDA's rules, they are subject to less rigorous testing and purity standards than city tap water. FDA rules allow bottlers to call their product "spring water" even though it may be pumped to the surface, and it may be treated with chemicals. Call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800 426-4791) to see if you can just refill that Dasani bottle from your local faucet. Or don't, what do' I care?

CHRIS WARD

I was disappointed to hear that a lack of photos and general participation has, as of this writing, affected this year's yearbook. Hey, if student ID photos were taken digitally then there'd be a photo file of every student, even commuters, to share with next year's yearbook staff (and if frogs had wings they wouldn't bump their ass a-hoppin').

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The BET: Journeys in Black special on Louis Farakhan softened my opinion of him, though I still think he's more of a negative element than a positive one. I was disappointed to see that none of his more notorious ideas were covered in sufficient depth to explore their merit. (although I get my fill at nationalreview.com) As a historical record of his life, though, it was informative (as a teen, he sang in calypso clubs) and revealing. I consider Farakhan an agent of cold change. Spiteful change. I understand, however, the righteous anger, and that true change has yet to come. There's a dark and a light side, I suppose, to change as much as to anything else. Our nature is to question, and conflict exists as a means to earn the right to answer. (Farakhan Fun Fact: He was the first non-Iranian allowed to speak publicly in Iran to a crowd, that day, of over six million). I better understand that he sees victory as humanity co-existing in simple dignity, leading lives of mutual respect, and I heard that he hasn't called Caucasians "white devils" for some time. On a slightly different note, it's just occurred to me that Black History Month is the shortest month of the year. Why's it gotta be that?

And now, you thoughtful and genteel readers of my own heart… with the ADHD stance a buffaloin' I'll segue into my only cop joke, found stapled up somewhere and herein adapted for you… A man was, one day, speeding along late to work and failed to notice the police cruiser parked just beyond the bridge nor the officer with the radar gun pointed his way…After running a clean license, no hits on the tag, the officer returns with a ticket, verbally chastises the motorist, and asks "What was the hurry, by the way?" The man answers "I'm late for work and my job is very important. I'm a rectum stretcher." The officer ponders this for a moment. "A rectum stretcher? What does one of those do?" "As the name implies, officer, I stretch rectums wide open. I insert a little machine that stretches it inch by inch out to three feet. Then an all-important new extender bar continues the stretch out to six foot a**hole." "What would one do," queries the officer, "with a six foot a**hole?" "These days, I heard," Replies the motorist, "They put them at the ends of bridges with a radar gun." The first line of that joke was written to be sung, ballad style. But whatever.

Clarias is playing out in Cambridge on March 15th, 9pm, 18 and over, tickets are $8 through a big business ticket outlet, guess which one. Support local music!

Hey, now read Scott Toomey's new column (or you could read that column to the right and get more on Busb and Afghanistan I suppose...).

Peace and balance.

C. Ward is a Voice columnist

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Kevin's Korner

Funding for more elevators on campus, which should have been in place ten years ago, has once again been put on hold. The excuse this time is the current recession. While it is understandable that money is tight during the current crisis, this is no reason to delay these additions further.

KEVIN HEATON

So, on behalf of Common Ground, I'd like to ask everyone to please call or write Governor Swift, and your local representative and/or senator. You might want to point out that 1. Westfield State College should have installed elevators a long time ago; 2. While this school says they don't have enough money, they managed to buy 333, renovate the Dining Commons, raise funds for a field house, and put new doors on the apartments-all before September 11th!; 3. Elevators would be a great benefit to all students, faculties, and visitors, not just those with disabilities.

Anyone is welcome to attend Common Ground, Fridays at 3:00 in the Tutoring Center. We are currently working on ways to retrieve this needed state funding. Our club advisor is Professor Joe Shinn.

I'd like to respond to Ms. Martinelli's column. Ms. Martinelli pointed out last week that President Bush has an 80% approval rating. While this may be true, does that mean he's right about everything? If so, would that include his singling out an "axis of evil," denying civil rights through secret military tribunals, cozying up to Israel, and continuing detrimental sanctions against Iraq?

Yes, many people are still rightfully bitter about the 2000 election. The uncounted votes in Florida weren't suddenly counted on September 11th. We will never know exactly how Al Gore would have responded to the attacks, but I higbly doubt he would have signed the "Patriot Act". It is unlikely that he would have blocked release of President Reagan's papers, under the Presidential Release Act of 1978. These records should have been made public last year. In October, Attorney General John Ashcroft requested that the Department of Justice refuse to release information under the Freedom of Information Act, whenever possible. This reversed a Clinton Administration policy that records should be released, except when doing so would cause "foreseeable harm." This Act allows not only journalists, but everyday citizens to gain information.

So, given the voting problems in Florida, it is reasonable to feel that Bush was given the Presidency by a conservative Supreme Court that wanted to see him get the Office. September 11th didn't change that. "What are they hiding?" asks The Nation, in a feature story for its February 25, 2002 edition.

Americans should remain vigilant, and not allow Congress to pass laws, such as these, behind our backs. We need to start holding our elected officials accountable. How long will we let them go on, passing whatever Bush sends down the pike? This is no way to stand up to terrorism.

K. Heaton is a Voice columnist

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Nose Knows...maybe

I'm glad to hear that people are reading my column, so please, keep on doing so. It makes me happy. So...

I just wanted to say that everyone in Fiddler on the Roof did an excellent job. I went to the last showing and it was excellent. I just want to extend my thanks to the lunch ladies, who are working hard in the DC. I know how hard it is to pick up after a bunch of kids. Also, I hope everyone had a good Valentine's Day.

KRISTINA MARTINELLI

I know that everyone here on campus has been completely stressed at one point in their life or another, even within their time here on campus. I'm finding that lately... people are more and more stressed. Not only is the newly found college workload a pain to most, but the fact that soon they will be out on their own.

I've noticed a lot of my friends lately searching for answers to what they should do for a major and for a job after college. This is probably one of the most important and hardest decisions we will ever have to make. I have changed my mind three times already since high school. Don't let your stress drag you down. The worst thing you could ever do is keep your feelings inside and to yourself.

My friends have to coax me constantly to get anything out of me. I eventually talk. I have learned that keeping your negative feelings inside will lead to the constant feeling of sadness. Everyone here should have someone else's shoulder that they can lean on.

I think the best feeling a person could have is when they know that they have someone else to talk to. Also, knowing that you have friends there to cheer you up helps. When your friends bust out in songs from "Annie" or they sit with you and listen to George Carlin, you can't help but smile, and maybe even laugh.

Not everyone has a best friend in the world that they know they can come to and confide in. If you happen to notice someone not completely 100% themselves, you should help them out. Tell them that you are there for them, give them a hug even. Hugs rock! We don't want a bunch of depressed college kids walking around campus. Nobody would ever go to karaoke.

So I was part of a discussion the other night that kind of got me thinking. The topic was gangs. A gang is defined as: 1) A set of implements or devices arranged to operate together. 2) A group of persons working, or associated together; esp.; a group of criminals or young delinquents. It was brought up that a gang was like a family and that parts of it weren't as bad as some of us thought.

Well, I would like to know what you think. It was a very controversial topic when we were talking about it, so I'm hoping for the same response from everyone reading this. Also, I want to know how you feel about other possible groups, i.e. cops, etc. Please give me a response, I'll throw it in a column. Armychc21@aol.com.

I would also like to send my best regards to the blue and red beta fish that recently passed away in Davis Hall. I was very sad to hear about it. Why do you think that college students aren't allowed to have pet fish in the dorms? People have even wondered about having birds. I have heard that college kids are irresponsible and will leave them to die. I would have to disagree. Granted, a plant is more sturdy than a pet goldfish, but I don't think that people would be running to the toilet every week to flush their dear old Goldie. If you have any feelings about this topic, e-mail me.

I know that this weeks column seems a bit random and thrown together, but I had a lot to talk about and a lot of different ideas were sent my way. Hopefully, next week, I'll have a column focused on only one topic. Have a pleasant and super week.

K. Martinelli is a Voice columnist

What You Will...

While the world's top athletes are competing in Salt Lake City at this year's Olympics, I'd like to give some attention to the future athletes in our country and the guidance they are receiving. More now than ever, females are participating in all types of sports: from soccer to hockey, gymnastics to track, and wrestling to diving. Athletes from around the world are elevating their abilities to new and greater heigbts, causing World and Olympic records to fall. Across the United States, children daily enter the pee wee, recreational, little league, and other junior programs with hopes of athletic greatness. These children represent the future of sports on the United States, and their experiences will determine the extent of their success not only on the field, in the pool, or on the court, but throughout their lives in the home and at work.

In their awestruck admiration of professional athletes, children dream of playing just like their role models do. They look to their coaches to teach them how to be the best. A coach can have the greatest power of influence and direct effect upon a young athlete. A truly effective coach teaches his or her athletes lessons that those athletes can apply long after the days of competition are over. Unfortunately, the negative aspects of competitiveness in a sport remain with the athlete for the same amount of time. In the cutthroat circles of competition, the importance of winning at any cost can change the lives of a young athlete forever.

Coaches should play the part of the encouraging role model, teaching skills and providing positive motivation. Sportsmanship should be continually emphasized, and with a blind eye, many believe that this still occurs on junior leagues across the nation. What kinds of lessons are taught though, when a coach and a father physically fight over a young athlete's practice? What does a child learn when told he is not to talk to his close friend, because that friend happens to be on an opposing team? What does a child learn when told to become friends with another in order to learn of how that other child's team will be playing a big game? Are these lessons being taught by effective coaches? These athletes, in their limited experiences with deceptiveness and lack of ability to depict what is right from what is wrong, have no other thought but to take the words of their coaches as guidance. Thus they learn defiance, deceptiveness, and to place victory over all else.

In order to fit the aesthetic desires of some sports, not only young men and women, but also boys and girls, have developed severe eating and exercise disorders. Children, in their naive innocence, can and have been trained to do anything to please their coaches. There have been numerous books on figure skaters and gymnasts competing through injury and malnourishment. Steroids, creatine, and other performance enhancing drugs have been found in use in junior high school aged athletes, whose bodies are not yet fully developed and are thus more susceptible to the negative effects of the drugs.

The required training coaches across our nation must have is ridiculous. A high school coach with absolutely no coaching experience can secure a job and work directly with adolescents. A parent can volunteer to coach in most any little league, and thus affect the lives of every member of that team for a season or more. Where are the standards to which these coaches must be held? Coaches should have a positive impact on children. They should boost self-esteem, build character, teach how to both win and lose gracefully, and teach a child more about him or her self as an individual. Coaches should not berate a child, teach him or her the fine ways of "bending the rules," or encourage poor sportsmanship. We need stricter guidelines on the hiring of coaches – the mentors of the youth in America.

K. Loiko is a Vaice columnist

Life (according to me).

We've all heard it before: "I don't want to have kids, because I'm afraid to bring them into such an awful world". On the surface this argument seems to have some merit. We do live in a society which has become desensitized to violence. We value a lot of the wrong things. And, while we have made a certain amount of progress, we've still got a ways to go in accepting people that may not look or act exactly like we do.

JON SEWELL

Yet, I have to say that I'm glad to be around in this era, at least here in America. It's probably not as bad a time to raise kids as the media would have us believe. I'd rather be rearing a child now than, let's say, the time of the barbarian invasions of the Roman Empire. Now, I could be wrong, but I'm pretty sure that no 6 year olds living in Kansas need to worry about a Visagoth horde descending upon their village. I'm also glad that today's children aren't in the path of, gee I dunno, the Crusaders, for instance. Even the fact that they aren't growing up in the Cold War, ever paranoid of those "commie vipers" and their nukes, knowing for sure that their generation would see the end of the world, relieves me. See what I'm getting at?

> **Everything that I am, everything that I stand for, is a reflection of the love my mother showed me EVERY SINGLE DAY.**

Maybe a more accurate statement would be: "I don't want to have children, because I'm afraid they'll be screwed up, like all these kids today". That may sound like pretty much the same thing, but there's definitely a difference.

People take the all too frequent school shootings, for instance, as a sign of the times. Somehow our world is poisoning these innocent children. Why doesn't anyone consider that these kids might be poisoning our world? Why do we blame it all on television, music, or society as a whole, when responsibility should be primarily with individual parents?

Okay, this may come across as a little cocky, but I think that overall, I came out alright. I'm far from perfect, but I try to keep an open mind about things. I don't hate, and I value forgiveness. I've never abused drugs. I try to stand up for what I believe in. And I've certainly never flipped out and killed my classmates because I was seen as a misfit (which I pretty much was).

But why not? Why did you and I end up pretty stable, while so many others are consumed with hate or plagued by ambivalence? I watched action packed cartoons growing up. I saw nightly reports of murder on the news. I played with GI Joes and Thundercats, and I could have opened up a museum with my collection of toy guns. Why then, aren't I predisposed to violence? Why aren't most of my friends?

The answer I keep coming back to is a rather simple one: my mom. Everything that I am, everything that I stand for, is a reflection of the love my mother showed me EVERY SINGLE DAY. There were no innovative parenting techniques she learned from a book. There were no special toys, videos, foods, or music to help me "optimize my potential" or "realize my individuality", or any of the other crap that today's parents gobble up. She wasn't particularly authoritative OR democratic with rules. It was just love. No matter how many times I managed to screw up, my mom would let me know that I was loved unconditionally. And, I assure you, the screwups, as well as the reinforcements of love, continue to this day.

Maybe it's naive of me to think that someday I'll be different from all the parents that demand stricter gun laws in response to school shootings, expecting our government, in one day, to fix a problem that they themselves should have been tackling every day for the past eighteen years. Different from those who think proper parenting means censoring their children from every conceivable negative effect, or buying all the newest "Little Miss Politically Correct" dolls and Mozart-themed mobiles, then leaving them to play with the shiny new toys while Mom and Dad socialize at the PTA. Maybe it's naive of me to think that MY kids will be different, simply because I'll love them with all my heart and soul and let them know it every moment of every day. Different because I'll pass on the values my mother gave to me, simple rules of love and respect.

I know that raising a child is difficult, probably the most taxing job a person can ever have. But I'm not afraid of it. I'm not ready for it, that's for sure. But, when the time comes that I am a parent, I know that whatever state the world is in, the secret to raising healthy, confident kids will be the same:

Unconditional love.

J. Sewell is a Voice columnist

Mr. Nice Guy

SCOTT TOOMEY

Okay. Let's get the personal stuff out of the way first. My name's Scott. I'm a junior Communications major and I'm from Berlin, MA originally. This is my first column and it's my first time writing for any publication at all so it might take me a paragraph or so to work the bugs out.

All right, so the other night I went and saw The Projekt Revolution Tour (featured bands were Cypress Hill and Linkin Park) at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell and I came to a strong conclusion about young females who attend rock concerts.

So I'm sitting there and they've got this DJ spinning and cutting beats in the middle of the arena where the sound booth was. I think his name was DJ Z-Trip, but that's beside the point. His little MC jobber friend who claimed to be a part of Cypress Hill got on the mic and mentioned something to the tune of "Where are all the ladies at? I got some backstage after party passes and some free s*%! for y'all." The girls come a runnin' and then here's the big thing that caught my attention. A group of about 4 or 5 girls who I swear looked no older than 15 years old, proceeded to bear their breasts one after another while this phony MC showered them with t-shirts and such. It was quite possibly the most pathetic display I have ever seen.

I began to think about what I would have done if one of those girls happened to be my little sister or my daughter even (no, I don't have a daughter or a little sister, I'm just speaking hypothetically). Just the fact that the DJ and the MC even encouraged these teeny-boppers to continue exposing themselves to a crowd of more than 8,000 people further illustrates the fact that 1) girls will do anything to get free stuff at a rock concert and 2) guys will do anything to see a pair of boobs.

Speaking of boobs, I used to work at a movie theater. Well, actually I still do but not as much as before. Anyway, I was working one night and I was filling the nacho trays and I glanced over to this machine that takes pictures and prints them out onto little stickers. Real popular stuff with the little ones. So, I looked over and there was this kid probably about 15 years old or so and his little girlfriend who was most likely about the same age. What was she doing you might ask? Oh just bearing her breasts in front of the screen and being totally disrespectful to herself and her body. Cool, huh (sarcasm)? The boyfriend caught me looking and he said, "What are you looking at? I'll kick your ass man." HAHAHA. This made me laugh.

Then I did something that I thought I never would have done. "Hey, if you want to take pictures like that then do it at your own house. Have some respect for yourself and the people around you." It was the closest I came to sounding like my dad ever. I was very disappointed. But honestly, working at the theater I get to see a lot of kids and the way they act really disturbs me.

Granted, they are the youth of the nation and have a lot of crap to deal with but is it really necessary to go around bearing your breasts to everyone??? My sister coaches a freshman high school basketball team and some of the things that those girls talk about are just way out there. Girls were never like that when I was in high school. Or were they? Oh man, maybe they were and I just never knew. Maybe I'm just making a whole big deal out of something that no one really cares about. I'll put my money on that one.

Phew! That's it for me. I'm out the back door. One love. Peace.

Movie Of The Week: Vision Quest Starring: Matthew Modine and Linda Fiorentino. No descriptions. You'll just have to trust me and go out and rent it.

Three CD's In My Stereo While Writing This Column: 1) Puddle Of Mudd- Come Clean; 2) Weezer- Green Album; 3) Def Leppard- Hysteria.

S. Toomey is a Voice columnist

A Mile In My Shoes

MEG CANNING

He was upset that I missed Senior Night. "You should've come home tomorrow," he said. That was just like my Dad to worry about me and not himself.

I came home Friday night just after 6 p.m. awaiting news on my Dad's health. They didn't say anything at first so I didn't ask. Then he told me. "I got laid off today. I asked Gary to lay me off. I have cancer." He tried to smile and shrug his shoulders, like what are you gonna do? I played it off, told him he'd be all right and that we'd be all right. Then I walked upstairs to my room.

A few tears fell at first, mostly from confusion and sudden stress. But after I called my friends at school, I was crying so much I couldn't breathe. My body was shaking as I dialed Tony, my fiancé's, number. I knew he was at work but I wanted to hear his voice on his voice mail. The voice mail hadn't picked up yet when I heard a knock at the door. It was my Mom.

Her eyes were red with sadness and frustration as she sat down next to me on my bed. She held me and stroked my back gently, telling me everything was going to be all right. "Your father's a fighter, Meghan. He doesn't give up," she said.

My Mom never cries. Tonight I felt her tears falling onto my shoulder. I cried harder from my Mom's pain. There was another knock at the door. One soft knock and I knew it was my Dad.

He knelt down in front of my Mom and I and cried. "We going to make it through this," they said. Shortly after, my Mom left the room.

He hadn't said how much the cancer had progressed until I asked. Won't know for sure until the next doctor's appointment, he said. But then he confessed. "It's bad, Meg. It hurts." He grabbed his chest with fear in his eyes.

I told him I would switch my internship and move home the rest of the semester. He said he didn't want me to miss out on the last part of senior year. But I don't want to miss out on time with him, I told him. If he's feeling down and my Mom's at work and my brother's out, I want to be there to watch TV with him. I want to be home every minute.

I didn't want my Dad to see me upset. I wanted to be strong for him. But when I heard his knock, I felt relief. He knew I was in my room crying. He came to help me and he's the one that's hurting. That was just like my Dad to worry about me and not himself.

My Dad's a strong man. There's too much for him to look forward to this spring and summer. There's my brother's graduation, June 2, my graduation, May 18, then my wedding, June 27. Cancer is a strange disease though. You don't know how it's going to spread or what affects the treatments will have.

For others dealing with situations like this, there are many places to turn to in the Westfield area. On the left side of Lammers Hall is the Counseling Center at x5790. The Community United Way of the Pioneer Valley's First Call, an informational and referral system, can be reached at 737-2712. The Center of Hope, 86 Court St., Westfield, holds a free Friends and Family Group, Mondays at 6:30 p.m. The Center of Hope can be reached at 562-0110.

With new treatments and breakthroughs happening every day, we can fight this disease. My family and I can fight cancer.

With understanding, patience and faith, together we can all fight cancer and win.

M. Canning is a Voice columnist

Get Fit, Stay Fit

GET FIT STAY FIT INCENTIVE PROGRAMS SPARK EXERCISE ON CAMPUS

The great benefits of exercise are well-publicized. Exercise lowers our risk for diseases such as Type II diabetes and cancer as well as lowers our risk for heart attacks and strokes. Exercise makes us feel better about ourselves, helps to tone our bodies, gives us greater self-confidence, helps us to sleep better and, best of all, allows us to live longer, more productive lives. So, with all these benefits, why is it so hard to stick to an exercise program? The number one reason that individuals cite as to why exercise adherence is so difficult is TIME. We are over-booked, over-committed and over-burdened. This semester, the students and faculty in the MSSLS Department have developed two programs to help you make exercise a part of your routine. The programs, entitled GET FIT STAY FIT have been made possible through a grant received from the National Association of Girls and Women in Sport and the Department of Residential Life.

The first program GET FIT STAY FIT Spring Break is a 4-week program encouraging participants to exercise for a minimum of 30 minutes 3 times per week. Each participant is assigned a Fitness Partner who will encourage, motivate and work with the Get Fit Stay Fit Partner. This program was kicked off on February 11th in conjunction with National Girls and Women in Sport Week and will continue through March 8th. Participants will receive prizes for points earned, with one point awarded for every workout session. Water bottles will be awarded for those who attain 4 points, and T-shirts for those who earn 12 points. The names of the participants who earn 12 points will be entered into a raffle for prizes to be awarded at the Celebration of Women's Health Fair on March 20th. There was an overwhelming response to this program with over 30 female students, faculty and staff signing up. Look for more updates about this program in the Wellness Center.

The second program GET FIT STAY FIT WALKING PROGRAM is a 6-week program being kicked off at the Celebration of Women's Health Fair on March 20th. The National Association for Girls and Women in Sport and the Nissan Corporation have made this program possible through the Pathfinder Community Service Grant. A representative from Jerry Rome Nissan will be available at the Health Fair to provide information and demonstrations of the latest Nissan models.

The Walking Program will take place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4:00-5:30 pm beginning on Thursday, March 21st and ending on May 2nd. Walkers will meet at the College track and walk with Fitness Partners at their own pace on designated routes in the area. Participants from the Wellness in Westfield Collaborative (Noble Hospital and The Greater Westfield YMCA) will also be invited to join in this program. The first 40 participants will each be provided with a pedometer to keep track of mileage, calories burned and steps. The goal of the program is for the participants to reach a cumulative total of 2000 miles. Participants will learn about proper stretching, and proper walking form in addition to how to use devices such as walking poles and weights to increase the efficiency of a walk. Most of all, participants will be encouraged to have fun! Walkers who complete the 6-week program will be awarded a pedometer to help them to continue walking after the program is completed. Sign up for this program will begin February 25th and continue through March 1st.

Building exercise into our routines, and making a commitment to a program is one of the best ways to be successful in an exercise program. Don't let TIME be your excuse. Give yourself a chance to experience the benefits of exercise by making a commitment to GET FIT STAY FIT. For more information call Teresa Fitts at extension 5368.

Illusions: Brings out inner cowboy

BY ELIZABETH LAFOND
VOICE REPORTER

Is this for real?

Oh man…

As we slowly drove up the long inclining hill in the tiny town of Wolcott, Connecticut, BEHOLD! A small white building radiates through the darkness with rainbow lights, a gravel parking lot and loads of fun inside.

As we step out from our cars, senior Jeff Bolduc yells, "I can't wait to ride the bull!"

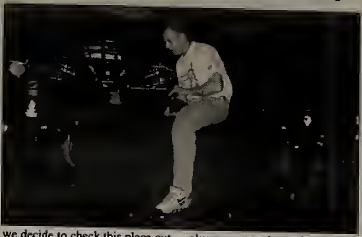
We stretch from the hour and fifteen-minute drive from WSC. We skip to the entrance, pay the fees and disappear into the smoky room filled with people and lights, otherwise known as Illusions Dance Club and Restaurant.

My friends and I barely find a table in the thick crowd then stare out at this unfamiliar dance club. Now what?

Line dancing, of course! The best way to fit in is to follow the experts. We all looked pretty goofy at first, but it was all part of the fun.

"I was pleasantly surprised and actually attempted to line dance. It was a good time," junior Criminal Justice major Mike Kessler said.

"I love to line dance and also be able to dance to today's top hits. They have a great variety," Amy Duggan, a junior, said.



Garth Brooks' "Ain't Goin' Down Til" the Sun Comes Up" sounds from the speakers while we decide to check this place out. Line dancing can get pretty tiring, so we walk over to the bar area.

The bar looks great, the food looks yummy and the pool tables are all occupied. But what we're interested in is the mechanical bull. We pay the fee and get in line.

Most of us give it a shot. Criminal Justice major Aaron Belanger asked, "Can I do it again?" Junior Brian Contenta yelled, "I'm already sore!"

I actually stayed on and couldn't stop laughing while everyone watched, but Aaron Boesch, a sophomore, said, "it was quite the experience!"

But not everyone is intrigued by the mechanical bull and would rather dance. Freshman Jill Cameron said with a laugh, "I didn't want to hurt myself!"

Some frequenters of Illusions ride the bull with no hands.

"I really enjoy the fact that there is a mechanical bull and I've always wanted to do that—it looks like it's straight out of a movie! I recommend bringing a cowboy hat. That's if you have one," Sociology major Jeff Bolduc said.

A ride on the mechanical bull is $2 and admission under 21 is $7 and $5 for people 21 and over.

Most line dancers and bull riders wear attire consisting cowboy hats, boots and large belt buckles. But if you're coming from WSC, jeans and a tank top or shirt will do just fine.

Illusions is what you make of it. Dress up in cowboy attire or go just to enjoy the different non-Westfield atmosphere to have a few drinks and get lots of laughs with your friends.

I DARE you to check it out and do something different! See if you can ride the bull and test your dancing skills when it comes to line dancing! You'll see what I mean when you get there….

Yee-Haw!

'Fiddler' leaves spectators looking forward to next show

BY LAURA GIBSON
VOICE REPORTER

On Saturday, February 9, I had the pleasure of seeing "Fiddler on the Roof" put on by Westfield State College Musical Theatre Guild (MTG). I would like to say congratulations to the production staff.

"Fiddler on the Roof" is about a Jewish Russian family of a father played by Corey Ducette as Tevye; a mother, Golde, played by Kate Farrell and three daughters, Tzietal, Hodel, Chava played by Meg Turcotte, Kerrin Clark and Jennifer Hines.

Tevye struggles with tradition, mainly when the father arranges the daughters' marriages. Each of Tevye's daughters did not want their father to arrange their wedding. This caused Tevye conflict. He wanted his daughters to be happy, but what about tradition? He asked, "Can I deny what I believe in?"

His first two children he allows to get married, but his third daughter he will not allow because the marriage is out of their religion. Tevye gave permission for Tzietal to marry Motel, the tailor, played by James Sullivan, and gave his "blessing" to Hodel and Perchik, played by Ryan Aldrich. However, Chava denies to marry Mordcha who is played by Mike Tinney. Chava marries despite her father and moves away.

The play ends with everyone leaving home and moving to America.

However, I wish there could have been someone else that could have played the fiddler better. I wish I were up there. Unfortunately, I did not try out. But I should've since I played the violin for ten years.

The Pit did a great job supporting the actors. They did not overwhelm the actors at all. The set was nicely put together as well.

I really enjoyed the character of Tevye. He did a great job portraying a character in a struggle with his love for his children and duty to tradition. I really enjoyed the soliloquies.

The show was great. The cast, pit and crew did a great presentation of Fiddler on the Roof. There was a nice mix of humor, which I enjoyed, especially during the wedding ceremony. I am looking forward to the next musical put on by the MTG.

Horoscopes

TOM PERRON

Please Note: These were read from the stars on a foggy night, they might be and probably are wrong.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)
You will find a $100 bill just laying there on the sidewalk. Another person sees it too. You both go after it. The other person wins. Well at least you still have your health.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
You will get an "A" on your English test. Good for you! The only problem is that the kid next to you got an "A" too. The teacher is convinced that you both cheated. You will be expelled by the end of the week.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
You will get invited to a "real wild" party on Thursday night. Once you arrive, it seems a little quiet, but you still go in. No one else is around but you and some of the lunch-ladies. Bit of advice – RUN!

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
You will find a cockroach in your pasta from the Dining Commons. After suing them, you win $1,000,000. The next day you die from ingestion of cockroach eggs.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)
It will be a good week as long as you never enter Ely. Trust me – Don't Go In Ely.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)
You be cast in the new Leonardo DiCaprio movie. Think titanic, but with aliens who are trying to kill Matt Damon.

Libra (September 22 - October 22)
You will go to buy a Pepsi from a soda machine. When you put in your dollar, the machine will not only give you the soda, but also spit out a bunch of quarters.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)
This week would be a good time to go to the forth floor of the library stacks. You might get lucky!

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)
You will go to class completely naked. Then you wake up. It was just a nightmare. You are really naked at the Dining Commons.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20)
You will win the lottery if you play the numbers: 13 – 21 – 28 – 34 - 48

Aquarius (January 21 - February 18)
Look under your bed!

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)
A friend from high school, whom you haven't talked to in a long time, gives you a call. She will tell you that she is pregnant and ask for your help to raise the baby.

Recycled Percussion

"A group that makes music from trash and leaves you thoroughly funked. They build their instruments out of our junk, and then they rock the house."

Sunday, March 3rd - 7 p.m.
Dever Auditorium
Admission $1.00

Top 6 Uses for "The Campus Voice"

6. Use it for ammunition in a huge spitball fight in the Dining Commons.

5. Make a poncho out of it. You'll be the grooviest kid on your floor!

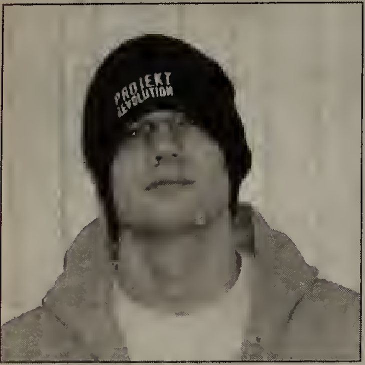
4. Wrap your Christmas gifts. It's not only really cool looking, but it's FREE!

3. Line pet cages...Oh wait, we can't have pets on campus. (Wink Wink!)

2. Put it in the bathroom in case you run out of toilet paper over the weekends.

1. Roll it up and beat your roommate senseless.

WSKB Weekly Spotlight



Scott Toomey

Jed Dion
A&E Editor

The best place to hear new Alternative rock is WSKB, especially on Thursday nights from six to eight. Scott Toomey, a Junior majoring in TV and radio broadcasting, commands the airwaves during his show called "Doc T and the Alternative Edge." The show used to be called "Doc T and the 80s Experience.

"I just couldn't take doing an 80s show," said Toomey.

Toomey will play anything from Van Halen to Orange Island, Hoobastank and Rival Schools. Toomey also does give aways on the show.

"Sometimes I do movie trivia or I dare people who put personals in the school newspaper to call up and tell me which one they wrote," said Toomey.

Besides doing a radio show, Toomey also serves as the WSKB Production Manager. As the Production Manager Toomey is in charge of making station IDs and public service announcements which go on the air.

This is Toomey's first year as the Production manager for the station, his third year as a WSKB Dj.

Besides spinning records over the WSKB airwaves, Toomey also enjoys playing basketball. He also likes to attend concerts.

This last weekend I saw Saves the Day and Weezer, I also saw Cypress Hill and Linkin Park," said Toomey.

Toomey also writes a column for the Campus Voice titled "Mr. Nice Guy," where he writes personal views on various subjects. Toomey is also on the Hall Council for Courtney Hall, is Rep. to Senate Government and is on the campus weekend campus activities board.

Toomey may sound like a busy guy, but he's not to busy to take requests on the show. Give him a call between six and eight every Thursday at 572-5427.

WSKB SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Big Ang and Sexy Bitch Show 10-12 PM	120 Minutes of Madness 10-12PM	Morning Flogging 10-12PM	Venuti and Colleen 10-12PM	Open 10-12PM	Open 10-12PM	Open 8-10
Open 12-2 PM	Meg and Kelly's totally random show! 12-2 PM	The Disater Area 12-2 PM	Ken Beauchemin 12-2 PM	Open 12-2 PM	Open 12-2 PM	Open 10-12 PM
Open 2-4 PM	Jason Hicks and Melissa Collins 2-4 PM	The Duck from Mars and Venus Show 2-4 PM	Emotional Machines 2-4 PM	2 Guys, A Girl and a Radio Show 2-4 PM	Rock, Etc 2-4 PM	Open 12-2 PM
Mike Beagly 4-6 PM	Jon and Jon Show 4-6 PM	Brian Mazzone 4-6 PM	Andy Clark 4-6 PM	Open 4-6 PM	Open 4-6 PM	Something Completely Different 2-4 PM
Mike Boyd and Mike Higgins 6-8 PM	Mellow Mood 6-8 PM	Cyclone J 6-8 PM	Dr. T and the Alternative Edge 6-8 PM	Shaggy and Nathan 6-8 PM	Mike Bover 6-8 PM	Andy Lempart 4-6 PM
Jim and Jays Naughty Hour 8-10 PM	Hardcore Wayne 8-10 PM	Terrance and Jeroy 8-10 PM	Fusion of Diffusion 8-10 PM	The Dispomaniac 8-10 PM	Alex and Joanne 8-10 PM	Whip City Radio Theatre 6-8 PM
Dave, Monte and Greg 10-12 AM	Katie and Lauren 10-12 AM	Steve's Crazy Metal Show 10-12 AM	Mark Rutelle and Jon Mitchell 10-12 AM	Nick Graeline 10-12 AM	Open 10-12 AM	Revolution in Stereo/Live Bands 8-10 PM
Mr. Monday Night Storm 12-2 AM	Sarah and Sinead 12-2 AM	Ryan Wynns 12-2 AM	Open 12-2 AM	Open 12-2 AM	Loveline with Gary 12-2 AM	Westfield Underground 10-12 AM

Drunk in July makes rock cool again

By Leia Georgeopolus
Voice Reporter

If you are looking for an up-and-coming local band look no further than Drunk in July.

Their high energy, pure rock and roll shows leave you wanting more. Except for the occasional cover, all their songs are original.

They have already performed over 200 live shows in clubs like the Iron Horse, Pearl St. and the Webster Theater. They have only been performing live for about three years and are not planning on stopping anytime soon.

Drunk in July originally formed in 1994. The only original member left is Wayne Morphew, who does lead vocals and rhythm guitar. He teamed up with Jeremy Gauthier (bass guitar) and they started playing acoustic shows together. Soon after that, they met Matt Wagner (lead guitar, vocals) and P.J. Himmelreich (drums, percussion). Matt joined the band in the summer of 1999, P.J. joined in the fall of the same year.

If you are wondering how they got the name Drunk in July, here is the story. Wayne and his best friend Alan decided to get drunk at Wayne's house on day and decided to video tape themselves. The next day they watched the tape and labeled it Drunk in July. A few years later when they were trying to come up with a name for Wayne's band, they came across the tape and decided that that was a perfect name for the band.

Drunk in July currently have one cd out now called Mainline Dr. You can get it via their website www.drunkinjuly.com, at their shows or at nearby Best Buy stores. They also have a brand new EP out with three of their new songs, only available at their shows. They should be releasing a new album within a couple of months and are planning a release party to celebrate. Look at their website for updates on when the release party will be.

You can find updates of upcoming shows on their website. Also on the website, you will find a bio of the band, merchandise you can purchase ranging from cd's to stickers to coffee mugs, photos of the band from prior shows, lyrics to their songs, live footage from a past show and much more.

Their long- term plans include going on the road in 2002 to promote their new album. There are no definite details on that yet, but check the website for updates. Also, as with many bands, they hope to get many more fans and play at many different places. They want everyone to know who Drunk in July is.

Intramurals will be sponsoring a

Water Basketball Tournament

~Come Sign Up~

Get a FREE T-shirt & Pizza Party after for all interested!

Dates: Feb 25th and 27th

Call IM Office for more Info (x5424)

IM Board Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 20th

Time TBA

All Board Members Must Be Present.

(Call x5424 for more info)

Bowlers Wanted!!!

Sick of sitting in you room looking at 4 walls? Join in the fun!

Intramurals Pays Half!!!

Call IM Office for more info.

1/2 the Price for Twice the Fun!

4-4 BASKETBALL UPDATE:

Supermeu w/ a record of 3-0

Is the team to BEAT!!

UNDEFEATED to Date!!!

Indoor Soccer Update:

Women:

$7.50 is in the Lead w/ a 3-0 record!

Men:

DW244 ahead with a 2-1 record!

Owls Finish High In Track Finals

Junior Ryan Fregeau of Athol won the 55 and 200 meter dashes at the New England Alliance indoor track and field championships held Feb. 10 at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston. In addition, he was a member of the winning 4 x 400 relay squad. *Mickey Curtis File Photo*

BOSTON - The Westfield State College men and women placed second and third, respectively, in the New England Alliance indoor track and field championships held at the Reggie Lewis Center on Sunday, Feb. 10.

Keene State won the men's title in the 10-team meet with 113 points. Keene was closely followed by Westfield (107) and Eastern Connecticut (105). Westfield's Mass. State Conference rival Bridgewater State finished fourth with 47 points.

In the women's meet, the Owls were a distant third with 61 points. Southern Maine edged Keene State, 169-158, to take the women's team title.

"Overall, I felt we had a good day," said Westfield State coach Sean O'Brien. "We had some very good individual performances from both our men and women. The men's championship was very close, and our women did well placing third despite our small squad size."

In the men's meet, the Owls placed first in six events, led by double winner Ryan Fregeau. The junior standout from Athol sprinted to first places in the 55 (6.75) and the 200 (22.61) dashes.

Also finishing first were junior Josh Lewbel in the long jump (21-4 1/4), junior Chris Allie of Chicopee in the triple jump (42-6 1/4), junior Tom Gilbert of Amherst in the shot put (44-2 3/4), and the 4 x 400 relay squad (3:30.29) that was comprised of Allie, David Eaton, Fregeau and Hume.

Placing second were sophomores Mat LeMaire in the 55 hurdles and Stanley Pau in the shot put. Chris Hume of Orange (Mahar Regional), another member of Westfield's standout junior class, finished third in the 55 hurdles and fourth in the 400.

Placing first for the Westfield State women were sophomore Jess Silva with a fine time of 59.92 in the 400 and sophomore Lis Collins in the shot put (35-10 3/4).

Silva, a Reading High School graduate, also finished third in the 55 dash and sixth in the 200.

Freshman Jen Howard finished second in the high jump, and sophomore Abbey Laffond of Athol placed second in the shot put and fifth in the 20-pound weight throw.

Indoor Track, Field Results

New England Alliance Men's Indoor Track and Field Championships
Feb. 10,2002
Reggie Lewis Center, Boston

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Keene State 113; 2. Westfield State 107; 3. Eastern Connecticut 105; 4. Bridgewater State 47; 5. U-Mass Dartmouth 39; 6. Rhode Island College 33; 7. Salem State 30; 8. Worcester State 27; 9. Southern Maine 14; 10. Fitchburg State 11.

FIRST: Ryan Fregeau, 55 dash, 6.75; Ryan Fregeau, 200, 22.61; Josh Lewbel, long jump, 21-4 1/4; Chris Allie, triple jump, 42-6 1/4; Tom Gilbert, shot put, 44-2 3/4; 4 x 400 relay, 3:30.29.
SECOND: Mat LeMaire, 55 hurdles, 8.21; Stanley Pau, shot put, 43-1 3/4.
THIRD: Chris Hume, 55 hurdles, 8.36; 4 x 800 relay, 8:28.08.
FOURTH: Greg Aucoin, 55 dash, 6.94; Chris Hume, 400, 52.28; Tom Bousquet, 3000, 9:01.89.
FIFTH: Marco Iannello, 800, 2:03.08; Greg Aucoin, 200, 23.73; Tom Gilbert, 20 lb. weight throw, 42-8.
SIXTH: Geoff Churchhill, 1500, 4:13.02.

New England Alliance Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships
Feb. 10,2002
Reggie Lewis Center, Boston

WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Southern Maine 169; 2. Keene State 158; 3. Westfield State 61; 4. Eastern Connecticut 47; 5. Bridgewater State 43; 6. Rhode Island College 42; 7. U-Mass Dartmouth 19; 8. Salem State 6; 8. Worcester State 6; 10. Fitchburg State 2.

FIRST: Jess Silva, 400, 59.92; Lis Collins, shot put, 35-10 3/4.
SECOND: Jen Howard, high jump, 4-11 3/4; Abbey Laffond, shot put, 35-8 3/4.
THIRD: Jess Silva, 55 dash, 7.84; KellyRose O'Brien, 600, 1:47.36.
FOURTH; 4 x 200 relay. 1:57.16; 4 x 400 relay, 4:29.57.
FIFTH: Aimee Worcester, 800, 2:36.18; 4 x 800 relay, 11:55.6; Abbey Laffond, 20 lb. weight throw, 40-0.
SIXTH: Jess Silva, 200, 27.67.

Athletes Needed For TEAM READ

The athletics department is looking for student-athletes to volunteer for the TEAM READ community service project. Student-athletes will be serving as "Homework Assistants" at the Westfield Boys and Girls Library on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Nancy Bals, assistant athletics director, is seeking volunteers to work two time slots on those days: 3:30 to 5:30 and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Nancy can be reached in Ely 246 or at extension 5515.

Westfield State Recognizes National Girls and Women In Sports: "Celebrating 30 Years of Title IX"

Female Athlete Honoree Night

All Westfield State College female varsity athletes were recognized during halftime of last Thursday's women's basketball game in Parenzo Gym. In addition, a National Girls and Women In Sports honoree was chosen from each team and cited during the ceremony. The honorees are:

Basketball - A.J. LaBelle
Cheering (football/basketball) - Erin Leahy
Competition Cheering - Michelle Holland
Cross Country - Starr Hockenberry
Field Hockey - Alison Pratt and Nikki Girolamo
Soccer - Kelly Furlong
Softball - Sarah Kalagher
Swimming - Colleen Boisvert
Track and Field - Jess Silva
Volleyball - Katie Simtick

Get Fit - Stay Fit - Spring Break

This is an incentive program for female faculty, staff and students to get fit! Sign up at the Wellness Center, use a fitness partner if you like, and receive prizes. The program has already begun and continues until March 8. Sign up early as participants will be limited to the first 30.

Women, Peace & The Olympic Games

Attend this Guest Lecture Series event and hear speaker Mimi Murray, professor of physical education at Springfield College, on Wednesday, Feb. 20 in the 333 Western Ave. Garden Room at 7:00 p.m.

Basketball Bounces Fitchburg

Men's College Basketball
Westfield 90 - Fitchburg 61

Sophomore reserve guard Leonard Miller recorded 21 points, six assists and three steals, and senior forward Ryan Rea scored an career-high 17 points and grabbed a game-high nine rebounds as the hot-shooting Westfield State College men's basketball team posted a 90-61 victory over undermanned Fitchburg State.

Westfield led 46-30 at halftime, then took a commanding 68-39 lead with 8:58 remaining.

The Owls shot 65 percent from the field in both halves, led by Rea and junior point guard Ethan Slavin. Rea shot 8-for-9 from the field, while Slavin was 7-for-8, including 3-for-3 from three-point range. Slavin finished with 17 points, seven assists and three steals.

Also scoring in double figures with 10 points was junior reserve guard Patrick Luckett of Springfield (Central).

Women's College Basketball
Westfield 66 - Fitchburg 44

Sophomore guard Leslie Cooke scored a career-high 19 points and senior forward A.J. LaBelle had 15 rebounds, 13 points and five assists to power Westfield State to a 66-44 women's basketball victory over Fitchburg.

Cooke led an Owls three-point barrage as she connected on 5 of 8 attempts from beyond the arc. In addition, she was 4-for-4 from the foul line. Westfield shot 10-for-23 from three-point range, including four three-point baskets from junior guard Brenda Knott, who finished with 16 points and five assists.

The Owls, who also shot well from the foul line (14-for-15), posted the 22-point victory despite only making one field goal in the final 10:30 of the first half. Westfield jumped out to a 24-7 lead midway through the first half, but only led 30-21 at the intermission.

Men's College Basketball
Westfield 100 - Becker B3

WESTFIELD - Junior point guard Ethan Slavin was one of five players in double figures with a career-high 21 points as Westfield State outshot Becker College, 100-83, on Thursday, Feb. 7.

Junior guard Patrick Luckett of Springfield (Central) came off the bench to score 17 points for Westfield, while senior forward Ryan Rea of Winsted, Conn., scored a career-high 16 points. Also scoring in double figures were sophomore guard Leonard Miller (Norwich, Conn.) with 14 points and senior guard Phil Conners (Lowell) with 13.

Ice Hockey Report

Westfield 4 - Drexel 2

PHILADELPHIA - The Westfield State men's hockey team defeated No. 9 nationally ranked ACHA Division I Drexel University, 4-2, on Saturday, Feb. 9.

The Owls jumped out to an early second period 1-0 lead only to see Drexel take a 2-1 edge to start the third. Westfield then scored three unanswered goals in the final stanza.

Scoring for the Owls were Ardjent Kalezic, Marc McGuire, Keith Nadeau, and James Carapella, who got the game-winner. Sophomore Ken Hetzel added two assists.

"It was an ugly win. We played well enough to win," said coach Brian Ward.

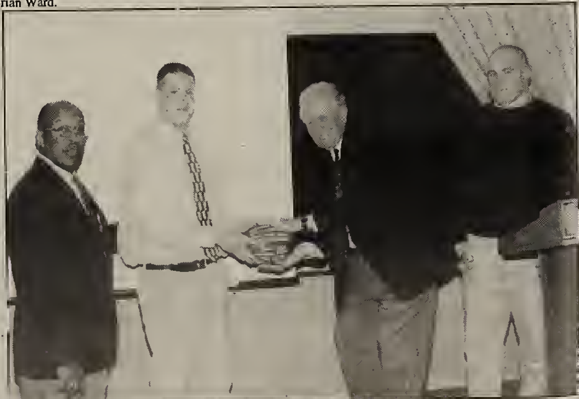
Delaware 6 - Westfield 0

NEWARK, Del. - The No. 2 ACHA Division I nationally ranked University of Delaware men's hockey team skated to a 6-0 victory over Westfield State on Feb. 8.

Delaware jumped out to an early first period 1-0 lead, then did not score again until late in the second period.

Westfield was without top defenseman Kevin Pelkey, due to injury, and offensive standout Ardjent Kalezic. Sophomore goaltender Ardian Kalezic played strong in defeat, stopping 33 shots.

"We just simply ran out of gas. They are a strong club. We just did not have all of the horses we needed," said coach Ward.

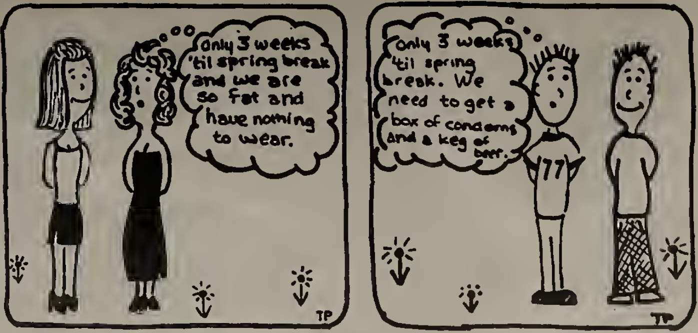


Game Ball

Loren "Squire" Bressor, chairman of the Westfield State College Athletics Hall of Fame board of the directors, receives from senior captain Tim Corr the ball used in the Owls' 12-0 victory over Nichols College in the New England Football Conference championship game. The game ball will be on display in the Hall of Fame room in the new field house, scheduled to open in January of 2004. Also participating in the game ball presentation are Dr. Arthur Jackson, vice-president of student affairs, and senior captain P.J. Lorentzen. Photo By Mickey Curtis

To me, boxing is like a ballet, except there's no music, no choreography, and the dancers hit each other.

*Jack Handy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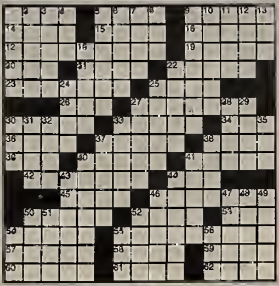

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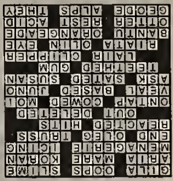

SEND US COMICS OR THE COW GETS IT!

Personals

I ain't so good with analogies.

Morganette seeking lost Mr. Morgan from Saturday night.

Beware of those guys who get all dressed up just to go to class.

Dawe & townhouse 16 - I LOVE S.C.!!!

If she says "maybe" she really means "no way."

Get well soon Andrea!

Trent Dilfer is the greatest QB in NFL history.

Bleeding Heart Liberals make me sick.

Ryan from Lammers Hall, come find me in Dickinson A46.

Wanted: Blue Sweatpants. If found, please return to Scanlon Hall. No questions asked..We promise.

Katie & Caitlin are Hawt!

Ken Gaybo is Gee!

A.R. Who's my girl!!!

Happy Birthday KIM!!!! <3

The kid from Lammers with braids is HOTT!!!

Thanks for all your support last week L.O., J.Q., A.S. I couldn't have asked for better friends.

Dickinson Hall is a maze of staircases, half-staircases, spiral staircases, twists and turns.

We, C,K,K, are proof that is better to be pissed off than pissed on. We will find you!

Phil Simms and Jeff Hostetler still have more Super Bowl Rings that Brady and Bledsoe.

Who says that? Who says who says that? (This goes out to Aaron...We miss ya! ~Shawna & Chas)

Jess...You are way too much!

Danni from Dickinson, Did you leave something in the parking lot of the Russell Inn?

Beck, how was that grateful Dead?

Rob, why don't you wise up and just let it go?

Amanda D., You are my one and only - Love, Edward.

Why do teachers have us go to class when we could be as productive playing on the internet?

I have a porcupine in my throat..and it isn't a happy one either.

Don't set your beds on fire - Res Life Staff.

Hey Tim, what the hell did you mean by that?

Jon and Kelly are hot!!! YESSSSSSSSS!

We are Q.T.W Groupies!

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

USEFUL INFORMATION

JUST THE PLAIN FAX

AS SGT. JOE FRIDAY USED TO SAY– "JUST THE PLAIN FAX MA'AM." A PUBLIC FAX MACHINE HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN THE ELY CAMPUS CENTER MAIN LOUNGE. INSTRUCTIONS ARE EASY TO FOLLOW. PRICES ARE OUTLINED FOR EACH USAGE.

WANT SOME CULTURE?

Check out Springfield Symphony Orchestra schedule at the Campus Center Service Window. Student vouchers for $6

NEED A WASH?

Golden Nozzle car wash coupons on sale for $4 at the Campus Center Service Window. Make your car happy and clean!

NEED CASH FAST?

Fleet Bank ATM located in Ely Campus Center Main Level.

DON'T FORGET!

Get your Spring ID stickers at the Campus Center Service Window

GOING SOMEWHERE?

Bus /Train information available at the Campus Center Service Window

ELY CAMPUS CENTER GAMES

Games are located in Ely 131. You must present your student ID in order to take games out.
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Activities Line: x5840 / Info Line: x5440 / Class Cancellation Line: x5411

Dining Commons
Mon-Thurs 7:30a-7:00p Fri 7:30a-6p
Weekends 10:30a-1:30p & 4:30p-6p

Health Services
Mon-Thurs 8a-6p Fri 8a-4p Sat 12p-4p
Doctor'r Hrs Mon-Fri 11a-1p
Nurse Practioner: Call for Hours (x5415)

Wellness Center
Mon-Wed 7a-10p Thur 7a-9p Fri 7a-7p
Sat 1p-6p Sunday 4p-9p
x5500 pool info

Library Hours
Mon-Thur 8a-11p;
Fri 8a-5pm
Sat 1pm-6pm;
Sun 1pm-9pm

Bookstore
Call x5657
For Hours of Operation

Subway
Mon-Fri 8a-11p
Sat 12p-11p Sun 1p-11p

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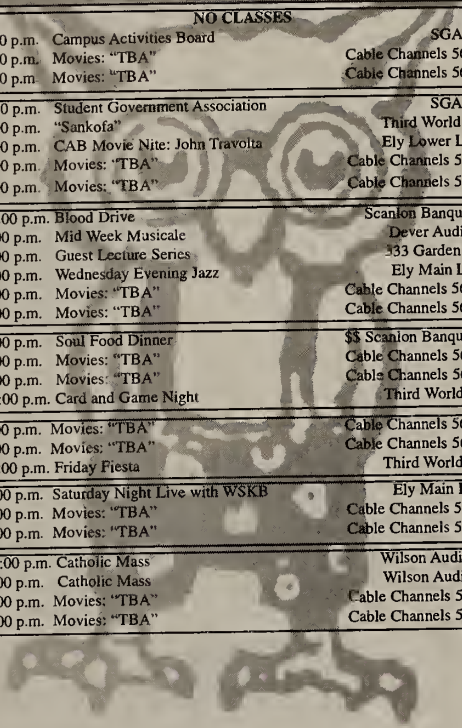
WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events



Mon 2/18		NO CLASSES	
	5:30 p.m.	Campus Activities Board	SGA Office
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Tue 2/19	5:30 p.m.	Student Government Association	SGA Office
	7:00 p.m.	"Sankofa"	Third World Room
	8:00 p.m.	CAB Movie Nite: John Travolta	Ely Lower Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Wed 2/20	12:00 p.m.	Blood Drive	Scanlon Banquet Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Mid Week Musicale	Dever Auditorium
	7:00 p.m.	Guest Lecture Series	333 Garden Room
	7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Thur 2/21	7:00 p.m.	Soul Food Dinner	$$ Scanlon Banquet Hall
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	10:00 p.m.	Card and Game Night	Third World Room
Fri 2/22	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	10:00 p.m.	Friday Fiesta	Third World Room
Sat 2/23	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live with WSKB	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Sun 2/24	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57

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Run DMC is coming

Rap group slated to headline Spring Weekend

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Westfield's student fee will increase up to $800 next fall

By Alsion Close
Voice Reporter

Westfield State College President Frederick W. Woodward led a forum last Monday discussing the impacts the state budget cuts would have on the school, beginning with a student fee increase of between $500 and $800.

This information may come as a surprise to those who remember last semester when WSC denied a possible $1,000 increase in fees on next year's bill.

"I apologize for my statements last semester that denied the possibility of such an increase," Woodward said.

"We have had even more reductions since then and I had no idea that fees could rise close to that number ($1000). At that time, we were looking at a $150-200 raise and unfortunately that number has increased."

Woodward added that while $500 is still far from $1,000, $800 is not and is now a possible figure.

Dr. Bill Duval of the Psychology Department asked if students would have any say in where their additional fees go.

Woodward said it was not yet decided how that money would be spent, but that would be decided by the administration.

Woodward opened the forum by explaining the events that led the state to its current situation. "Last spring it became quite evident that the economy was slowing down," he began.

He continued that Massachusetts has a few unique situations in addition to the lagging economy.

According to Woodward, the Big Dig has taken up $15 billion

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-Photo by Tom Perron

Westfield police and firefighters, Massachusetts state police, and the bomb squad all responded to the bomb scare at Scanlon Hall.

Bomb scare "shocks" campus community

Suspicious package leads to evacuation of Scanlon Hall

By Tom perron
Assistant Editor

The discovery of a suspicious package in Scanlon Hall on Thursday, February 21, led to the evacuation of the building at 8:30 a.m.

As students exited the building believing it was nothing more than a fire alarm, some saw clues to lead them to believe there was more than a normal fire drill happening.

"Something suspicious is going on," senior Josh Kita, a resident of Scanlon, said.

"There was 'Caution, Police Line' tape on the stairs going down to the laundry and mailroom," Deirdre O'Shea, a sophomore, said.

Students speculated different reasons there was police tape closing off the laundry and mailroom.

Rumors some heard included a murder in the mailroom and a rape in the laundry room. Many residents said it was a dead body.

In the front of Scanlon, which houses 325 residents, administrative offices and Health Services, a number of Westfield police cars, State Police cars, a fire truck and an ambulance lined the sidewalk.

Sophomore Steve Alaownis said he wasn't really worried about the event.

"But, I think they should tell us what is going on," he said.

Many students said they felt less safe when two unmarked black trucks pulled up to the front of the building and a man suited up in

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Guest lecturer promotes peace

By Jennifer Brooks
Voice Reporter

Journalist and peace activist Colman McCarthy said that becoming a peacemaker is the highest calling.

"Easing someone's pain and increasing somebody's peace. That's how you'll find out who you really are," McCarthy said to the room full of students last Monday in a speech in Scanlon Banquet Hall

Senior Brigitta Brandt, as well as faculty members John Jones, assistant professor of Criminal Justice, and Philip Zampini, professor of Political Science, arranged McCarthy's visit to WSC as part of the school's Guest Lecture Series.

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-Photo by Kelly Clarke

Campus group M.A.R.A.S.A presented a check for $700 to New Beginnings, a Westfield women's homeless shelter, last Wednesday.

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Incubus' latest CD offering is not something to miss out on. Turn to Page 11 for a review of "Morning View."

Senior yearbook at risk due to lack of pictures, senior interest

By Laura Cyr
Editor in Chief

A lack of response and interest from the Class of 2002 has put the senior yearbook at risk of not being made this spring, said Dr. Arthur Jackson, Vice President of Student Affairs.

Jackson said that there has been an extremely low turnout for senior pictures, and therefore there has not been enough interest shown to make a yearbook. "Only 90 students have taken senior pictures out of a potential 900 student population," Jackson said. "It's just not cost effective to make yearbooks for only 90 students."

Meghan Hoffman, Class of 2002 Historian, said that she doesn't understand the reason seniors didn't show more interest. "I think that its really sad that after being together for four years, and being such a successful class, having so much talent, and accomplishing so much, that there is still no one who wants to participate in the yearbook to remember all this by."

Other seniors feel the same as Hoffman. Early Childhood/Special Education major Elisa DiCarlo said the class won't have anything to look back on unless some interest generates. "We'll own our own pictures, but it won't be the same," DiCarlo said.

Members of the senior class should really try to put something together, Movement Science major Neal Byrne said. "Our class has a lot of high achievers and it would be sad to not have anyone remembered," he said.

There is still a chance yearbooks will be made though, according to Jackson. There will be an interest box at the Ely Service Window until March 8 where seniors can fill out a form if they are interested in having

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Activities discussed at Student Government

By Brooke Ann Popielarz &
Elizabeth LaFond
Voice Reporters

The Student Government Association reflected the results of the forum to inform the student body about the recent budget cuts at their last meeting.

WSC fiscal year 2002 budget has lost approximately $1.2 million, Fredrick Woodward, WSC President, at the forum ealier in the week.

"I don't see this as being grim, so many things are being considered. Over all I think that you won't see the quality of life at Westfield State College go down," said SGA President Shane Eldredge.

Vice President of Student Life Brent Fisher reported on the suspicious package in Scanlon Hall that was made up of wire, duck tape and batteries. Scanlon Hall was evacuated for nearly 3 hours and state and Westfield police are still conducting an investigation, according to Fisher.

Fisher announced the computer labs plan to cut hours in order to guarantee that the labs remain open for students the rest of the spring semester.

Vice President of Programming Angela LaPierre said the Battle of the Talents dates have been changed to March 28 and April 2 at 7 p.m. in the Ely Main Lounge.

The winner will perform before the headliners for Spring Weekend 2002, April 20-21. Tickets are $10 for students and the ticket price for guests is still in discussion. The beer tent, LaPierre said, hopefully will be open from 1-5 p.m. during Spring Weekend.

The next Senior Night will be March 22, 8-11 p.m. in Ely Third World Room. Class officers are trying to get live entertainment for the event and Budweiser promotions has donated great prizes to be given away to seniors.

Senior Week packets are on sale at the Ely Teller Window for $125 until April 16. The guest price is $140 and tentative schedules are available at the Teller Window.

The Senior Salute will be held April 30, 12-7 p.m. in the Ely Main Lounge. Caps and gowns can be purchased at this time. The Senior Salute is also a time for financial aid exit interviews, help with resumes, etc.

The Class of 2003 is currently working on the Spring Weekend t-shirt design. Jenn Prior, junior class president, asked the senate for their input regarding the designs of the t-shirts and whether they would prefer short or long sleeves for the shirts.

The sophomore class is organizing a donkey basketball 5 on 5 for students and faculty, Lindsay Callahan, sophomore class president, said.

Callahan also said that the class of 2004 is starting to sell medical scrub pants.

"They are going to blue with the word 'Owls' written across the butt," she said.

Pants are going to cost $20. Right now, Callahan said, the class is just preselling the pants, but will also being sold after spring break.

Courtney Hall's annual Mr. Courtney contest is coming up on Wednesday, March 6 at 8p.m. in Dever Auditorium. Tickets to this event can be purchased at the door for $2.

Davis Hall is working on sponsoring a softball tournament. The money raised will go to a local charity, according to the Davis Hall President.

Yearbook

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their picture taken. These forms will give Dr. Jackson and the yearbook staff a good idea whether or not there is enough interest to give the yearbook a second chance, he said.

"By spring break we'll have a good intention of interest. If it is good, a photographer will come back to campus after break to take the pictures of interested seniors," Jackson said. "However, this is our last attempt to get student interest, and if not enough is shown, no yearbook will be made."

Hoffman said they must get about 200 more senior pictures for a yearbook to be made.

If TEKOA, the WSC yearbook organization, is unable to make a yearbook, there will still be some type of booklet made to commemorate the year, Jackson said. He said that TEKOA has pictures of many events throughout the year that can be put in the booklet.

"We did have 90 people come out and get their pictures taken," Hoffman said. "We want to have something to give seniors who have shown an interest in having something to remember their college experience by."

Jackson urged seniors to express their interest in the yearbook by filling out the forms at the Ely Service Window. He said that seniors may not realize it now, but having a yearbook to remember their final year of college will be valuable in the future. "It doesn't seem important now, but in 10 or 20 years it will be good to be able to look back on friends and memories," he said.

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From the Editor's Desk

Olympic Inspiration

The Winter Olympics have come and gone, leaving behind glorious memories, moments of defeat and new controversies. The past few Olympics hadn't done as well commercially and some wondered how this year would fare. Would it succeed or flop? Would it be a complete sell-out, or would it be reminiscent of great past moments of Olympic glory?

On the first full day of the Olympics, I had my doubts as to what this one would bring. Turning on the television that Saturday afternoon, hoping to watch the first competitions, I was disappointed to see that NBC wasn't broadcasting it, but chose to air some NASCAR race that allowed cars to qualify for a bigger race. I was confused at how any station would kill to get the Olympics, and how NBC got them and was not even showing them.

Thankfully, my disappointment soon went away. That evening they showed Olympic competitions and I was hooked. I watched the Olympics almost every night. I'm not sure if it was that the Olympics had returned to America in an emotional time. Or maybe it was that American athletes had a tremendous record-breaking Olympics, winning twice as many medals as the old record, or if it was that the Olympics just seemed so inspiring. And while it was great to see the Americans do so well on their homeland, I think inspiration is what kept me coming back night after night.

Not many of us know, let alone are, the kind of people who have dedicated their lives to one pursuit. These athletes have a love for what they do that drives them to spend endless hours practicing and honing their skills. They go up against incredible odds to be able to compete in their sports. They fight back from injuries that would kill many spirits and find ways to practice, even in war, because they are driven to do their sport, and they are driven to do it well.

While many may say that some of these athletes give up childhood or normal lives to become an Olympian and that the sacrifice is not worth it, I disagree. The sacrifice is worth it to them because they know what they want to do in life, and must succeed at it. I know I have not yet discovered what it is that I want to throw myself into, what it is that I want to work at, be the best at. I wish I had some type of drive like the Olympians. They are dedicated to one thing and they push themselves to the limit.

Now the Olympics are gone for a couple more years, but I'm hoping that I will continue to find the inspiration that kept me hooked to these games in other areas of life. I'm hoping to find the thing in life I was born to do. So while many may have thought the greatness that should be the Olympics was tarnished by commercialism or by the scandals (ice skating, Russians, drug testing, take your pick), I believe the true inspirational spirit of the games was not tarnished. The athletes, their stories, and their endeavors touched many of our hearts those two weeks, and I believe this made the Winter Olympic games a success.

Laura Cyr
Editor-In-Chief

Last year over $60,000 was given to students like you in WSC Scholarships !

There may be no such thing as a free lunch, but there is free money...

If you are involved in the WSC campus, have good grades, and are in need of additional financial support, we may be able to help.

Westfield State College Scholarship applications are available in the Student Administrative Service Center (SAS) and Parenzo Hall Lobby starting on March 1, 2002.

Completed applications are due by April 1, 2002 in the SAS Center.
For more information contact Dan Forster in the Office of Admission and Financial Aid.

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and still has an estimated three years to go before its completion.

Sept. 11 has also had a drastic impact on the state, particularly because a few of the planes involved took off from Boston's Logan Airport. "This fact has shut down the number one economy in the state, which is tourism," Woodward explained.

The cost of the Big Dig, the halt in tourism and the economy slump are a few of the factors impacting a downward spiral of the state budget that is continuing to move in a negative direction. Woodward said the state claims that the cut in budgets is "at least a two year phenomenon."

One action of the state was to create an early retirement incentive for current teachers, hoping this will reduce the impact of the cuts. The state schools will be allowed to replace only 20% of faculty who leave.

Woodward explained that the state government created a formula that entailed finding all faculty at each individual state school that were capable of early retirement. The state then extracted their salaries from the school's budget, regardless of whether or not these faculty members take advantage of the early retirement incentive or stay.

WSC has taken action already in response to the budget blow, such as canceling out of state travel, reducing overtime, reducing sabbaticals for professors, and canceling equipment purchases with the exception of new technologies and/or any equipment necessary for classrooms. In addition, the installation of an elevator in Bates has been pushed back, and the school has begun to consolidate some departments.

Woodward said that the main question to ask in light of this situation is how can the school increase revenue. This is where the possible student fee increases come into play. Woodward continued that even with the fee increase, WSC would still have the third lowest fees of all state colleges in Mass.

The total reduction of the school's budget for '02 and '03 will equal almost $3 million, with a possibility of reducing even more.

The administration did admit that they don't have all the answers yet but were also very adamant about not touching scholarship money.

However, Woodward added that grants have been affected by this cut and may continue to be, which could have yet another great impact on students.

"It's difficult," Woodward said. "Where do we say we can't take a cut and where do we say we can?"

Dr. Robert Martin, Vice President of Academic Affairs, said that students should expect to see an increase in class sizes but only by about two or three more seats. He continued that it is not the college's intention to increase campus population, for this fall it was "as large as it's ever been" and current facilities can not hold much more. He said that the addition of a few more students to each class might consolidate sections but classes will not be cancelled outright.

Martin added that more courses might be taught in auditoriums next year as well, holding about 75 students for that class as opposed to the usual maximum of about 35. He said this will most likely occur with intro level [illegible], leaving the higher level classes [illegible] their usual size.

Martin added that faculty will be replaced, but more will be filled by adjunct, or part time, faculty.

This statement brought on concern, with students saying they feared that adding part time faculty would be damaging to the very character of WSC. According to several students, since part time faculty does not get on campus offices and are less visible, this could negatively impact the welfare of students.

In addition to the change in class sizes, independent studies could be cut as well.

"Independent studies will be less likely to fly next year because they come at a cost," Martin said. "They will not occur next year unless extraordinary circumstances apply."

Martin said he wanted to stress that internships will not be cut.

"Internships are important to the character of the college, no matter how expensive."

Chair of the Psychology department, Dr. Jack Szpiler, asked if the cuts would have any impact on the breaking ground of the new field house. Woodward responded that the money for that facility was designated by the state for that particular purpose. He said the school must either use that money for a new athletic/academic facility or not get that money at all.

Students room rates will increase by $150 next year, and board will increase by $44. Tuition is fixed at the same amount as this year.

Woodward added that in 1994, students' costs were higher then than they are today.

Bomb Scare

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protective bomb gear walked out.

Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Arthur Jackson, said WSC deals with these situations as though it could be a threat and they take all of the necessary precautions.

"All they will tell us is that they are investigating something," senior Christin Vassallo said.

When the incident first started at 8:30 a.m., over 100 students surrounded Scanlon Hall, waiting to get back into their rooms. As the day went on, students went to classes in their pajamas and just generally left the scene, knowing they would not be allowed in for quite a long time.

The school was very surprised, Jackson said. "But at the same time we have an emergency protocol established."

With this new protocol, Jackson said, the authorities come in and do a thorough crisis intervention.

"I'm surprised and shocked that it would happen here," Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Robert Martin said.

This was not the first time the college has experienced bomb threats. In a three-month span in 1992, there was a total of 42 bomb threats.

Due to the magnitude of the bomb threats, policies were changed, Secretary of Student Government, Barbara Hand, said. At one point, before the policy change, bomb threats were such a normal occurrence that faculty had the option of staying in their office instead of evacuating the building, Hand said.

"As soon as the new policies went into effect though no bomb threats were called in," Hand said.

Over 10 years after the semester of 61 bomb threats, the college community finally faced another.

Director of Public Safety Paul Scannell said that a staff member found a "suspicious package in the basement of Scanlon Hall." The package was batteries held together with duct tape and electrical wire, Scannell said.

Once the package was found, the person immediately called Public Safety who then called the Westfield Fire Department and the Massachusetts State Police, Scannell said.

While the bomb threats in the past usually were just students trying to get out of class for the day, Hand said, this was different.

Around 10:30 a.m. students started to face the harsh reality that they all could be in serious trouble.

"We heard it was a bomb," Freshman Scott Culliton said.

People outside the WSC community also had to deal with the bomb scare. That day, there were three campus tours for a total of 34 people, Brent Bean, coordinator of campus tours, said.

At the same time a Massachusetts State police officer told people to stay away from the building, a tour group, led by sophomore Heather Lusco, exited Parenzo Hall.

"I felt weird giving the tour (to prospective incoming freshmen) during the given situation," Lusco said.

Even though the people in the tour group did not ask about the situation, Lusco said she felt like she should have given them some sort of explanation. "But I didn't have one," she said.

Due to lack of knowledge, Bean said, tour group leaders were not told to tell their groups what was going on in Scanlon Hall. "With this day in age everyone is more cautious. I think that it was handled very well," Bean said.

Bean said he does not think prospective students and parents will change their feelings toward the college.

Public Safety has received leads toward the person or persons that put the package in Scanlon and they are being questioned, Scannell said.

"Students in Scanlon and across campus have been very helpful in dealing with this matter," Jackson said.

While investigations are ongoing, the person or persons involved in this situation might face very serious actions, from expulsion to criminal action, Jackson said. "The best way to deal with things is have students patrol their own area."

Voice of The Week

Sheila Mansfield

NAME: SHIELA MANSPIELO

HOMETOWN: WEST SPRINGFIELO

POSITION: BOOKEEPER, RESIOENTIAL LIFE

FAMILY: 2 DAUGHTERS, 2 GRANDSONS

YEARS AT WSC: 15 1/2

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: WORKING WITH THE STUDENTS ANO STAPF ANO SEEING AN ACCOMPLISHMENT

LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: NOT BEING ABLE TO FIX EVERYTHING FOR STUOENTS

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FAVORITE QUOTE: "I HAVE A PLAN FOR EACH OAY I COME IN ANO IT HASN'T WORKEO SINCE THE DAY I GOT HERE." ~ SHIELA MANSFIELD

BEST DAY OF YOUR LIFE: THE OAY I CAME TO RES LIFE

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"DOING NOTHING."

JILL FABARUCCI
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"ROADTRIP TO FLORIDA."

KIM DUNN
2003
ERICA LEE
2003

"MOPING AROUND MY HOUSE BECAUSE I CAN'T AFFORD TO GO ON A TRIP."

NATASHA GOVOR
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HISTORY

Voices Overheard compiled by Tom Perron

Students learn wilderness skills on class trip to Maine

BY LEIA GEORGEOPOLUS
VOICE REPORTER

The Outdoor Recreation class, offered by the Movement Science/Physical Recreation department, sponsored a trip for students during a recent long weekend. From February 15-18, students went to Solone, Maine, about a six hour-long trip, to learn wilderness skills.

"This trip is not an every year occurrence," Professor Larry French said.

Nine of the fifteen students in the class chose to go. The trip is not a requirement of the class and the students were not graded during the trip, French said.

The students participated in many activities. According to French, they "snow shoed, made all their own meals, got their own water from a stream, learned wilderness survival skills and went animal tracking."

The students had a choice of staying in a cabin owned by French, which has no facilities at all or sleeping outside. The only cost to students was the gas to make the trip and anything they wanted to bring with them.

Justine Young, a senior History major, said she learned many new things while on the weekend trip. "We took five hour hikes, learned how to use a compass, made fires using flint and went stargazing and snowshoeing."

Young said the solutions to their problems never came easily. "Larry doesn't tell you the answers. He will help you, but you have to figure it out yourself," Young said.

Getting to French's cabin was not an easy task, Young said. "It was a one and a half mile hike from where you park your car and you have to make your own trail."

Young said she learned a lot from this experience and would do it again. Also, she said she left with new friends.

"They took people who didn't know each other at all. Now we all share a common bond," Young said.

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Week Celebrating Women returns to campus

By Adrienne Lamplough
Managing Editor

The Week Celebrating Women, which kicks off March 20, is a celebration through open classes, a candle light vigil and movie screenings that look into the lives of women who have made a difference.

Cynthia Enloe, a professor of Government and Women's Studies at Clark University, has written several books aimed at making sense of international politics and offering a feminist perspective on war. Enloe will present 'Feminist Clues About Daily Lives in Wartime' at 4 p.m. in Scanlon Banquet Hall on Wednesday, March 20.

"She is known for her dynamic presentations that involve the audience, which I think will appeal to students," Professor Marsha Marotta of Political Science said.

"But more than that, her work has helped many of us make more sense of war and understand its impact, especially on women," she said.

The Clothes Line Project will return this year, March 26 and 27, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. A new organization is behind the setup, senior Jill McNiff, student intern and coordinator for The Week Celebrating Women, said.

The Clothesline Project is set up on the Ely Campus Green, where shirts are displayed that tell of womens' battle against domestic violence, McNiff explained.

The Pioneer Valley Clothes Project usually runs the project but the woman in charge is leaving and donating all of the shirts to us, McNiff said. Now Westfield State College will always have their own t-shirts to put up in the future, she said.

"New Beginning is a women's shelter in Westfield that will be making more t-shirts and setting up this year," McNiff said about the new organization.

"I think it will be more successful than past years," McNiff said.

Open classes are another part of women's week when various classes will allow people to sit in on discussions. The discussions will touch on such issues as domestic violence, McNiff said.

The entire month of March is dedicated to women and Ely Campus Center will have posters profiling women in history or specific fields such as literature or science, Professor Vanessa Diana of the English Department said.

Students are making these posters as class projects, Diana said. "Prizes will be awarded to the first and second place winners. The judges will most likely be student groups."

This year there is easily double the amount of last year's posters and this is the first year there will be prizes of $150, Diana said.

"Last year was the first year and there were about 45 posters. There's a lot more this year," Diana said.

There will be a performance and workshop by musician June Millington. Millington had the first all-woman rock band to reach national and international audiences in the 1970's, Marotta said in a newsletter.

"She plans a flexible program that will respond to her audience, whether those attending want to dance or just listen," Marotta said.

"We tried for a variety of activities," said Professor Erika Pilver of the Political Science Department and coordinator for the Week Celebrating Women.

"Despite the budget cuts, the administration has been very supportive of the week and the events we are planning," Marotta said.

"There are lots of wonderful events scheduled for the week. Each year over the last four years I have been at Westfield, it seems the week gets stronger and the support on campus grows. We hope that continues this year," she said.

Peace

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McCarthy, a writer for The Washington Post and an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center and the University of Maryland, also teaches a class at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School in Washington, D.C.

McCarthy is founder and director of the Center for Teaching Peace, a non-profit group that helps schools begin or broaden peace studies programs.

A commitment to prayer, service and non-violence are the keys to becoming a peacemaker, he said. True service is all about volunteerism, such as teaching people to read or working with the homeless, McCarthy said.

"We all have great gifts— health, intellect, loving partners, friends— but how do we use these gifts better?," McCarthy asked the audience. McCarthy urged everyone to find a way to give their services to the community.

If students cannot find a program to get involved in they should start their own, McCarthy said. "All you need is the motivation to help somebody."

There are two types of people who will leave college—some that are self-centered and some that are other-centered, McCarthy said. "Very few of us are called on to do great things, but all can do small things in a great way."

McCarthy believes in introducing a curriculum of peace in public schools, he said. As an illustration he asked audience members to raise their hand if they had been taught conflict resolution, mediation or peace studies during their elementary or secondary education. Only two hands went up in the crowd of well over 50.

"If we were a peace-building, peace-loving, peace-affirming society all hands would go up," McCarthy said.

To start teaching these skills at college-age is too late, considering that 95 percent of all children's television programming has violent themes, McCarthy said. It is imperative to begin the peace learning process as early as possible.

"Schools have cheated us," McCarthy said several times during his talk. Rather than teach children strictly about people like Robert E. Lee and Paul Revere, we also need to be teaching them about peacemakers, McCarthy said.

"We know about the men who break the peace, but not those that make the peace," McCarthy said.

Although McCarthy may believe schools have cheated the public in some respects, Brandt said she didn't feel cheated when she met Professor McCarthy through the school's government internship program.

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

Colman McCarthy spoke to the community on peace activism.

"He changed the course of my life in one summer," Brandt said. Brandt took a peace studies class with the professor this summer in Washington, D.C., she said. Because of this opportunity she has decided to study human rights and is considering joining the Peace Corp.

"I'm really excited to see so many people here from campus to see him speak," Brandt said.

Her hope in arranging the professor's visit was that he might affect the lives of others the way he affected hers, Brandt said.

Before McCarthy ended his speech he said he wanted to leave the audience and possible future activists, like Brandt, with just one word.

"Start," McCarthy said.

Where two worlds collide: Muslism schools face tension of Islamic, U.S. views

VALERIE STRAUSS
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON- Eleventh-graders at the elite Islamic Saudi Academy study energy and matter in physics, and read stories about slavery and the Puritans.

Then they file into their Islamic studies class, where textbooks tell them the Day of Judgment can't come until Jesus Christ returns to Earth, breaks the cross and converts everyone to Islam, and until Muslims start attacking Jews.

Seventh-graders at Al-Qalam All-Girls School learn about the American Revolution and about respecting other people's beliefs. But students also talk about the taunts they face outside of school being called ``terrorist" and ``bomber" and ask whether Osama bin Laden is simply the victim of such prejudice. Maps of the Middle East, minus Israel, hang on classroom walls.

Such tensions within Muslim day schools in many ways symbolize the U.S. Muslim community's political concerns, fears, biases and hopes, all brought into sharp focus since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

These schools and Muslims in this country are at a crucial juncture, with some working to stay true to their religion while trying to adapt to the U.S. experience, as Catholics and Jews did before them. At stake, educators acknowledge, is how the next generation of Muslims coming of age in the United States will participate in the country they live in.

The fall attacks could serve as the catalyst in determining whether these schools and their students focus on the culture and polities of faraway Muslim lands or find within Islamic tradition those ideals consistent with U.S. democracy and religious liberty.

``This is going to get us out of the cocoon, out of our little comfort zone that is more of an isolation from the community at large," said Shabbir Mansuri, founding director of the California-based Council on Islamic Education. ``And it is going to put us into a position where we are going to have to put our own feet to the fire."

Most Muslim children in the United States attend public schools, but the growth of the Muslim population in the past two decades has prompted a proliferation of day schools: 200 to 600 nationally, with at least 30,000 students. Thousands of others attend Islamic weekend schools.

Some schools face the same prejudices that Catholics and their schools did beginning in the 1800s, when their loyalty to the pope was seen as inherently anti-American.

``We put Catholics through that, Jews through that, Mormons through that and many other groups," Mansuri said. ``It is the Muslims' turn ... and if Muslims are not living up to the ideas of Islam, then we certainly should take them to task."

To that end, some Muslim educators are writing a new curriculum that infuses Islamic tenets in every lesson while providing a broad-minded worldview. Textbooks, often from overseas and rife with anti-American rhetoric, are being replaced in some schools. Some parents are forming PTAs and seeking a curriculum that teaches the civic virtues of tolerance and pluralism.

``I wouldn't be surprised if some teachers are sometimes anti-American or anti-Semitic," said Abdulwahab Alkebsi, whose 12-year-old daughter attends the Islamic Saudi Academy in suburban Springfield, Va. ``But I don't want it to be that way.

``I choose the school because of the same reason why all American parents choose private schools it's a better environment and no peer pressure of drugs and being a sex symbol at too young an age. But there are other American values, like freedom of speech and assembly, that we should be teaching our kids to respect."

Fourth-grader Ali Alkhafaji, 9, poses a question for classmates at the Washington Islamic Academy, also in Springfield, echoing a lesson from their teacher:

``Is it better to be a fashion star or to listen to Allah?"

The youngsters agreed it was better to listen to God, though wide-eyed India Abdullah, 8, said: ``It's hard to be a good Muslim. But if we do the right deeds and stuff, the devil is locked up and the door of heaven is unlocked."

Yet the pictures of Britney Spears and the Islamic holy city of Mecca adorning lockers and notebooks attest to the challenge of providing an Islamic education amid the beckoning popular culture.

In fact, Muslims consider many such schools not truly ``Islamic" because there isn't yet a curriculum that teaches all subjects through an Islamic prism, nor is there an Americanized curriculum for Islamic studies, said Hamed El-Ghazali, head of the Muslim American Society's Council on Islamic Schools.

Instead, they use public school curriculum and add classes in Islamic studies, Arabic language and the study of the Koran.

The schools ``do have a lot of growing to do," said Sharifa Al-Khateeb, president of the Muslim Education Council and the North American Council for Muslim Women. ``They are still working out the exact curriculum. They are still working out how much readiness they would like to see in the children for taking mainstream exams. They are still going through the throes of rewriting materials that would be more appropriate for kids here in the U.S."

Most Muslim schools, with the exception of one network of schools for African-American Muslims, develop their own approach.

At the coeducational New Horizon School in Los Angeles, Principal Shahida Alikhan said the school is ``on the progressive side," with teachers stressing tolerance and students feeling connected to the outside world.

Teacher Majida Zeiter described a different role for the Washington Islamic Academy, which serves kindergarten through fourth-grade students.

``We want it to be a place where they don't have to assimilate, where they can practice their religion. It's like any other religious school," said Zeiter, who teaches Islamic studies. ``We teach them the history and good values and what it takes to be a good Muslim."

Still, Zeiter said, she takes pains to present balanced lessons to students, piecing together a curriculum from books published both in the United States and overseas.

When she feels she must use material in a popular Pakistani textbook, she said, she photocopies certain pages and never uses those calling Christian beliefs ``nonsense" or portraying Jews as treacherous people who financially ``oppress" others. Yahiya Emerick, author of ``What Islam Is All About," said he will soon release a new edition for U.S. audiences that eliminates the tendentious parts.

Political views, though, pervade the school.

Third-graders spent one recent morning learning how volcanoes work and where the Great Smoky Mountains and Yosemite National Park are.

-File Photo

Yet on world maps that hang every day in the classrooms, Israel is missing. At Al-Qalam girls school, housed upstairs at the academy, the word is blackened out with marker, with ``Palestine" written in its place.

Officials at both schools defended the maps, pointing out that some students are Palestinian refugees and want their heritage represented.

They said the schools have no anti-Israeli policy, nor any policy teaching students to be disrespectful of others, and that Islam is a religion of peace and tolerance. If teachers are slipping opinions into lessons, they say, it is because they lack proper qualifications. The average salary at Muslim schools nationwide is about $16,000.

Scholars say the schools may legally teach whatever they want, as long as they meet state requirements, but have a responsibility to be accurate.

``As a matter of educational policy, no, it's not a good idea to cross a nation off the map or to in any way misrepresent history," said Charles Haynes, of the First Amendment Center in Arlington, Va. ``It is a civic responsibility of all schools, religious and secular, to do the best job of educating students to a variety of perspectives."

Add the name of Daniel Pearl

MARGARET ENGEL
THE WASHINGTON POST

Every February, the staff at the Newseum has the sad task of collecting the stories and photographs of journalists around the world who were killed the year before while doing their jobs. Working with the Committee to Protect Journalists and other international media groups, the staff verifies the circumstances of each death.

The stark facts of their demise are given to an artist, who adds the journalist's name, place and date of death to starphire glass panels that are bolted onto our curved glass Journalists Memorial. The memorial stands atop Freedom Park in Arlington, Va., with a view of the Washington Monument, the Jefferson and Lincoln memorials and the U.S. Capitol.

This year, 51 names will be added, the highest number since 1995, when 69 journalists died. Journalists, like police and firefighters, are among the few who rush toward danger. The memorial includes any journalist who was killed on assignment, including those who died in accidents. Of the 51, for example, 14 died in airplane or helicopter crashes.

When the memorial was built in 1996, a large number of its panels purposely were left blank. The toll has increased so dramatically that this year's deaths will fill all 77 existing panels.

The vicious murder of Daniel Pearl of The Wall Street Journal reflects a disturbing pattern inside this unwelcome trend: The deliberate assassination of journalists is on the rise. In 2001 the leading cause of death was murder. War and random violence always have been part of many journalists' working equation. Now premeditated murder has been added.

From Bangladesh to Paraguay, journalists died last year while exposing corruption or covering disasters, for offending those in power, for being in the wrong place at the wrong time, for placing themselves in danger on the front line of news.

The true story of courage, fairness and hard work that constitutes the work world of journalists remains little noticed.

Since 1812, more than 1,400 journalists around the world have died while doing their job. About half were killed while covering conflicts. Many others were targeted for murder in their homes, on their way to work or even at their desks because they dared to seek the truth.

One of the heartbreaking elements in honoring our colleagues is the knowledge that the public continues to believe the worst about the motives of the media.

Opinion polls from year to year show the public ascribes low ethical standards to journalists, well below car salespeople and lawyers. In times of crisis, such as the days and weeks following the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, people turn to the media around the clock. But when crises end and the news of a murdered journalist goes off the front page, viewers and readers tend to fall back on their assumptions that journalists are in the business for glory or money or to promote their own political or social agenda.

The true story of courage, fairness and hard work that constitutes the work world of most journalists remains little noticed. Quickly forgotten by most of the world are the stories of reporters such as Maria Grazia Cutuli, an Italian newspaper correspondent, one of eight journalists killed in Afghanistan in 2001; photojournalist Bill Biggart, who was crushed by the North Tower of the World Trade Center; and Brignol Lindor, a radio journalist, hacked to death by a machete-wielding mob in Haiti.

None of these journalists placed him or herself in harm's way for personal gain or fame. Neither did Danny Pearl, or any of the 51 journalists killed in 2001.

They wanted to tell a story, to uncover wrongdoing, to provide the vital information that people need to make intelligent decisions about their governments and their way of life.

It's a personal tragedy for the families and colleagues of the journalists who died. But an equally large loss is to permanently silence the voices that give every listener, every reader and every viewer a window on their world.

Tempting Chaos

Los Angeles Times

The international peacekeepers in Afghanistan's capital, Kabul, have enabled people to leave their homes without fear. The streets are becoming crowded again. More and more markets are open. Kidnappings, car thefts and assaults are fewer.

What's good for Kabul would be just as good for Kandahar and Herat and Jalalabad, where the warlords of old are back in power or trying to get there.

History gives reason to fear this development.

After Russian occupiers were forced out in 1989, the warlords took control and wreaked so much havoc on Afghanistan that the Taliban were welcomed for ending the violence. That started the march to Al Qaeda and last September's terror.

The United States has resisted pleas by Afghanistan's interim prime minister, Hamid Karzai, and some U.N. officials to increase the number of peacekeepers and send them to other cities. Currently they number only 4,000 and patrol only in Kabul.

Washington has declined to put its own troops into the international peacekeeping force. That's reasonable. Other nations have sent soldiers, and U.S. forces are still fighting a war, searching for Al Qaeda and Taliban forces. The United States should take the lead at the United Nations to persuade the Security Council to expand the peacekeeping force and push other countries to help pay. President Bush told Karzai during his visit to Washington last month that the United States will help train an Afghan army, but that task may well take a year or longer.

By the time the new soldiers are ready, and a German-trained civilian police force is on the streets, the warlords may well be operating regional fiefdoms outside the reach of the central government.

Britain has taken the lead in supplying the peacekeepers, but it says it wants to relinquish command of the force to Turkey next month. Fair enough, but Britain should join Washington in pushing other nations to supply troops. The British foreign secretary said Karzai made ``a very strong case" for thousands more peacekeepers when they met.

By way of comparison, there are now 60,000 peacekeepers in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo and Macedonia.

The Afghanistan peacekeepers are not seen as an occupying army. They have proven popular, and why shouldn't they be? Who doesn't want the freedom to walk the streets, talk with neighbors, shop and work or attend school without fearing thugs?

Additional peacekeepers will be a barrier against Afghanistan slipping back into chaos. They are needed now.

South Korea's attitude adjustment

Hyeh-won Kim
Newsday

When I visited Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, in 1990, I asked the people there what they did in their leisure time. One of the North Korean guides in our group gave me an unexpected answer. ``We sing and dance," he said. Singing and dancing in this rigid society? I was a little puzzled. I asked him where.

``When we go on a picnic," he said.

In South Korea at the time, karaoke machines were popular , allowing people to sing and dance literally any time and any place. But before then, we South Koreans also used to sing and dance at picnics. A friend told me that Koreans are described in Chinese records dating as far back as 2,000 years as a people who love singing and dancing.

This reminded me that North and South Koreans, who had lived in a unified country for hundreds of years until their division in 1945, still share many things in life, despite being so far apart in ideology.

I had a similar revelation last month, when I visited Goseong, a village along the east coast near Mount Geumgang in North Korea and was overwhelmed by a strange sense of deja vu. Except for huge portraits of the nation's deceased leader Kim Il-sung and his son Kim Jong-il and banners with various slogans hung on buildings and in the streets, the village did not look much different from the South Korean rural villages of the 1950s or the '60s that I have seen depicted in old movies.

The black jackets that some North Korean children wore reminded me of those worn by many South Korean kids in the years following the Korean War. When I was young, many children, some of whom were undoubtedly war orphans, sold gum and chocolate or begged for money on the streets and alleys of Seoul, wearing the black jackets made from dyed military uniforms.

Acknowledging such similarities is a relatively new phenomenon in South Korean society. Until recently, most of us limited our thoughts on North Korea to ideological and political issues, focusing on the Communist system and its rivalry with the South.

Over the past decade, however, South Korean perceptions of the North have been expanding to include its society and its people, especially since the famine in North Korea gained international media attention and the number of defectors to the South increased drastically.

North Koreans, in many South Korean films, are depicted not simply as villains any more. As in ``Shiri," the film now showing in the United States, they are often depicted as people with hearts as well as communist faith.

Despite the fact that North Korea remains an enemy with its guns aimed at the South, reflections on political and military aspects also have changed as the regime in North Korea was found to be much weaker economically than was once believed.

The historic summit talks between North and South Korean leaders in 2000 helped to form a new reconciliatory mood and contributed to waning images of North Korea as an evil in the South.

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It is interesting, however, that North Korean villains are increasingly substituting for Russians in Hollywood movies. I wrote a column last month about the feelings of discomfort I experienced while watching an American film with North Korean villains. I mentioned a South Korean actor who had refused an offer to play a North Korean villain in the latest James Bond film.

The story was printed much before President Bush described North Korea as belonging to an ``axis of evil," but I faced severe criticism from some foreign readers.

One who identified himself as a resident of Georgia and the spouse of a Korean sent an e-mail, asking me to ``understand that North Korea is a separate and independent country. Your national prestige is not tied to North Korea's. The sooner you recognize the true character of your sovereign and independent neighbor to the north the better off and more secure your country will be."

There is some validity in his comments. But it is impossible to completely separate South Korean and North Korean issues, practically speaking, when they concern security. Even South Koreans with the most extreme rightist views on the North agree on this point. Any hazards involving North Korea could be also costly to South Koreans.

I don't expect the tendency among younger generations of South Koreans to try to view North Korea with a more open perspective to decline any time soon. Rather, the new view is likely to have an increasing influence on South Korean policy and public opinion as time passes and as they grow up to hold positions of power.

The United States must fully take into account the changing South Korean mentality toward North Korea. Without efforts toward understanding the changes that are taking place in each other's society, Seoul and Washington, D.C., will not be able to develop their relationship as allies to their mutual benefit.

Swedes to liberalize gay adoption practices

Carol J. Williams
Los Angeles Times

STOCKHOLM, Sweden - Swedes have long been social trailblazers in defining gay rights and blended-family values, but even in this liberal bastion the law still needs to catch up with common practice.

Lawmakers are now debating a bill that would give gay and lesbian couples the right to adopt children in Sweden and abroad, and it is expected to easily win approval in June when parliament votes on the measure.

Backers hail the legislation for aiming to rectify discrimination against same-sex couples, but also for the clarity it should bring to murky legalities surrounding children already growing up with gay parents.

``Such households exist in our society and in increasing numbers, so we have to recognize that," says Marianne Carlstrom, a lawmaker from Prime Minister Goran Persson's Social Democratic Party, which is sponsoring the bill. ``We can't address the needs of these children with gay parents unless we have a legal framework that includes the adoption issue."

Under current law, a single parent of either sex can qualify for adoption if he or she passes an extensive state-administered battery of tests probing financial status, emotional stability and social environment. A friend or relative of the opposite sex of the adoptive parent must also commit to providing a gender model for the child.

But partners in registered same-sex relationships or marriages are ineligible for adoption, although the law is powerless to prevent a gay single from adopting and bringing up the child with his or her partner. In-vitro fertilization is also restricted to heterosexuals another inconsistency that parliament is expected to address simultaneously with the adoption law revisions.

"Gay marriage has been legally recognized in Sweden since 1995, encouraging more openness about sexual orientation."

Robert Svard

The current legal gaps hamstring courts increasingly being called on to decide custody and support issues when gay couples with children separate through divorce or death. Legal rights favor the biological mother, but even those are ill-defined if the child was produced by unauthorized in-vitro fertilization.

Just last month, a court in Oerebro ruled that a 35-year-old man who had donated sperm for a lesbian couple's three children is financially responsible for the offspring now that the partners have separated.

``These are the consequences of having obsolete laws. This case is being appealed, but it's difficult to see how the court could rule any other way under the existing laws defining parental rights and responsibilities," says Robert Karlsson Svard, information chief for the Swedish Federation for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights.

Swedish family law still tends to define children and parental rights in the context of a traditional nuclear family, says Svard. With half of Swedish children born out of wedlock and more than a third of marriages ending in divorce, the legally enshrined model no longer applies to the majority of families, he notes.

The interest group with 6,500 members was consulted in the bill's drafting and is satisfied with the changes it will bring, says Svard, adding that it will give Sweden the most liberal adoption framework in Europe. Gay adoption is already legal in the Netherlands, but only applicable to children born in that country, which, like Sweden, suffers a dearth of children available for adoption because of liberal abortion and welfare laws.

Gay marriage has been legally recognized in Sweden since 1995, encouraging more openness about sexual orientation, says Svard. But neither the federation nor the government maintains statistics on the numbers of gay couples who have married.

Sweden's legislation has already won endorsement by all political parties represented in parliament with the exception of the Christian Democrats and the right-of-center Moderates, says Carlstrom. That should ensure a solid majority during a vote set for June 5 and its passage into law in 2003, she says. Nonetheless, a passionate debate is expected.

``There is opposition, even in my own party, but it is based more on emotion than facts. There's not much research on same-sex couples as parents, but we have every reason to believe they are as stable and nurturing as heterosexual parents," Carlstrom said.

Kevin's Korner

The recent lecture by former Washington Post columnist and renowned pacifist Colman McCarthy was quite thought provoking. His focus was nonviolent response to conflict. He spoke not only about violence between countries, but between individuals as well. I felt he made some good points about why our society is so violent, even though I do not agree with the idea of complete pacifism.

KEVIN HEATON

Mr. McCarthy pointed out that while school children are all taught about our country's famous generals and Presidents, hardly anyone has heard of famous American peacemakers. How many of us have heard of Dorothy Day, who founded the Catholic Worker Movement, or Ginetta Sagan, founder of Amnesty USA? This sends a subtle message that violence is the answer.

In 1967, Martin Luther King, Jr. said "my government is the world's leading purveyor of violence." Since then, US forces have been to at least ten different countries. What message does this send?

Granted, the terrorists who attacked us September 11 deserve to be brought to justice. This does not entitle the US to bomb whatever country Bush chooses in the name of "fighting terrorism." We should also not abandon due process of law, under the Geneva Convention. Even the Nazi war criminals were given public trials after World War II, so the world would know what they had done.

McCarthy pointed out that the US military budget costs the American taxpayer about $900 million a second. Bush has proposed an increase for fiscal year 2003. The Council for a Livable World states on its website that the US cannot act alone to curb terrorism. This is exactly what the Bush Administration might end up doing in Iraq and elsewhere. The Council also warned that US withdrawal from the Anti Ballistic Missile Treaty could jeopardize relations with Russia, which the US needs as an ally in fighting terrorism. Russian President Putin considered it a "mistake" when the US withdrew from this nearly 30-year old agreement in December.

Most people, thankfully, are not responsible for designing national policy. We can help make the world better in our own small way. Charities and soup kitchens always need volunteers. Many college students are spending their Spring Break doing community service work, instead of partying. There are also many ways of getting politically involved as well.

Mr. McCarthy suggested something as simple as teaching an elementary school aged child how to read and write. This is rewarding for both the child and the teacher. Years later, you might get a thank-you note.

K. Heaton is a Voice columnist

The Cut

So we were discussing how rapidly things change these days...a few months ago you needed to have connections and perhaps a little luck to get a date with Aaliyah; now all you need is a flashlight and a shovel (oh, the times they are a-changin).

CHRIS WARD

Okay, Fabolous...isn't. He looks like the kid who paid the bigger kid to protect him in the seventh grade and that's just a little too close to my own dark past...

Last month Acting Governor Jane Swift announced an openly gay former mayor and fellow Republican as her running mate in the next election. They're both under forty years old, as well, which doesn't quite fit the academic model, read cliché, of the Grand Old Party, does it? Kelley said that the impression she gets from various classes is that "Republican" equals "Big Business, old money, anti-minority, etc." But that when she thinks "conservative Republican", she thinks "military." Military members, as well as law enforcement, more often than not have views that are politically to the right and they put themselves at risk to protect you and your way of life. BRB, I'm gonna make corn. I'm hungry and I have corn.

In your, like, next class try to answer a question without using the word "like." I dare you. Well, okay, I don't dare you. I just don't think that it can be done...

The annual etiquette banquet hosted by the Career Counseling Center and Residential Life was an evening of grace. The Sodexho touches were apparent (a community bowl of Bacos?) but minimal. The company, the food, and the course of instruction were outstanding. My only recommendation for improvement would be to create an over-21 section to include wine etiquette.

It's been awhile... ADHD paragraph HUT!...In your, like, next class try to answer a question without using the word "like." I dare you. Well, okay, I don't dare you. I just don't think that it can be done...Did you realize that the common perception in the world off campus is that shutting down Napster put an end to free file sharing? LOL!...So, hey, what do you call thirty-two British women standing in a row and smiling? (A full set of teeth)...Would someone care to explain to me how Blockbuster could consider "Hi Fidelity" a new release?...I wholeheartedly endorse pitching in and picking up one of the new campus recycling containers. Not only would you be saving the Earth or whatever but they can easily hold more than four liters of whatever you decide to fill them with (once you duct tape those little holes shut) and they're legal. What we need now is a "recycling funnel"...Justin, if I haven't returned "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" by the time you read this then I'm off to Barnes & Noble, man. Seriously. (Whenever you visit the bookstore, don't forget to bring a towel!)

Mr. Heaton, I don't believe that Ms. Martinelli was implying, nor would any rational person conclude, that an 80% approval rating automatically means that our beloved president is "right about everything," and I don't think that you believe that either. Now may be a good time to discuss "liberal curriculum syndrome" (LCS). Early symptoms of LCS, a.k.a. Diane Keaton's Disease, include a seemingly innocent preoccupation with Tibet. The disorder progresses rapidly, however, as absurdly emotional (as opposed to logical) attacks are spewed forth, Teretes syndrome-like, at any mention of the name "Bush." (LCS sufferers are most readily distinguished by their quaintly anachronistic "Gore/Lieberman" bumper stickers). I'd recommend taking a few conservative courses next year, simply to find some balance, but there aren't any. Feminist theory and Marxism are still wide open, though, Polly-wanna cracker? God Save Dubya and Jeff Corwin.

To the faculty, staff, and student body of WSC have a great spring break and please be safe. Perhaps on the plane they'll serve up some of that GFB (good f#*kin bread!)

Peace and balance.

C. Ward is a Voice columnist

Get Fit, Stay Fit

QUICK EASY WAYS TO EAT HEALTHY THROUGH THE DAY

Spring is just around the corner and many of us are trying to shed some extra pounds for spring break and keep it off for the summer. It is always a challenge for college students to eat healthy, especially for those who rely on the Dining Commons. So here are some quick and easy ways to eat healthy throughout the day.

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Eating a well-balanced meal at this time helps to enhance our mental and learning performance, while supplying our bodies with the nutrients it needs. Here are some healthy choices to fuel your body in the morning:

Instead of bacon, sausage, or hash browns try cereal with skim milk. Special K, Raisin Bran, and Cracklin; Oat Bran are healthy alternatives to Applejacks and Captain Crunch because they provide less sugar but more fiber and essential vitamins. Top it off with a banana, or add extra fruit to your meal to leave you feeling fuller longer.

At lunch, sandwiches seem to best the most popular choice, but here are some hints to make better choices:

Choose whole wheat or 12- grain bread, these provide essential fiber and vitamins we need in our diet. Try to skip the bulky rolls, they provide extra calories and carbohydrates that are not needed. Stick with the leaner cuts of meat such as turkey, ham, and roast beef, while shying away from salami and bologna, which are high in fat. Limit your portioo size of the chicken, tuna, or seafood salad since these include mayonnaise. Cheese is also a favorite among us, limit the slices to one so that the flavor is there but the extra fat is not.

Instead of dinner from the buffet line, why not have a salad? The salad bar offers a variety of vegetables and other toppings such as kidney beans, chic peas, and sometimes hummus. Be creative and use what is available. To spice it up add a veggie burger, turkey, or tuna for protein along with cottage cheese for calcium. Be careful when choosing a dressing, too much piled on defeats the purpose of eating healthy.

Instead of regular soda, try diet or juice instead; Try to stay away from whole milk. If the change from whole milk to skim is too drastic, try 1%. If you have a craving for chocolate milk try mixing half a cup of skim milk with a half a cup of chocolate milk. You will never know the difference; Don't be afraid to bring your own condiments, such as miracle whip, low fat salad dressing, or even spray butter; Remember to watch your portion size. One deck of cards is considered one portion of meat.

Instead of: Hamburgers, try a veggie burger on whole wheat bread or in a salad; French Fries, try chips or vegetables from the salad bar; Pepperoni pizza, try a slice of cheese or vegetable pizza; Bagel with cream cheese, try an English muffin or toast with jelly.

See how it easy it is? With a little time and effort, you can be healthy while at school. Creativity and willingness to try new things are most important to becoming a healthy student while eating in the Dining Commons.

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Nose Knows...maybe

FREE PORN!!! Not really, that was just to get your attention. Sorry. Well, I guess you could get some on Morpheus if you wanted, but anyway, that's another story for another time.

KRISTINA MARTINELLI

So I was sitting here thinking what a nice easy time I had last week without having to write a column. Cake. I can't quite understand how hard it is to get together and get a paper out without a Monday in the school week. Well, that's just my beef. And in my opinion, I feel there should be one.

All right, so now that's out. I guess I could start out by commenting to the columnist on the page to my left. Actually it would be my right, your left. It seems that he doesn't quite grasp the concept of 80% support for the president without having to make a sarcastic remark. Of course 80% of the population doesn't think that he is right 100%, but they are behind him. You don't have be Einstein to know that.

So today was a beautiful day. The sun was out and it was just . . nice. How many people took advantage of the weather instead of sitting inside their dorm rooms watching Jerry Springer or playing Super Nintendo? And we wonder where the freshman 15 comes from. People are getting to be a bit too lazy for my taste. I went out for a hike.

The same thing applies for when you are at work. I mean, in the summer I work at a golf course, mowing the greens and tee areas. Of course I am going to get tired and sit down with my co-workers halfway through our working day for some snacks and chitchat. Cool, understandable, but when people are sitting around all day long, hardly doing any work, that just gets irresponsible.

When it comes to work study, there are a few jobs that allow you to sit down, do some homework, and relax a little. It's great that students are offered these jobs to help them pay for school and books. What gets annoying is when students go into their work study job and sit there most of the time doing what they want to do instead of what the job requires them to do. There are other students on campus that could be at those jobs, doing the job, and that needs that job. That's just me though.

I think that there are quite a few people out there that are geting a bit too lax in their everyday life. How many clubs are you in? How often do you get exercise? How many hours a week do you actually work? I think that instead of sitting around, learning about how mother's sleep with their daughter's boyfriend on Jerry Springer. . .go out and look at trees (I've actually done both recently).

All right, so enough about that. How about them Coffee Houses, right? You know. . . every first Wednesday of the month. Everybody on campus should know that by now. . . everyone. I think even the rats in Ely do. Well, how is it that other events get scheduled on the Coffee House dates. Isn't that just a little ridiculous? One would think that the school would want to maximize attendance at all events. Instead what they are doing is spreading out the attendees so that it looks like nobody showed up.

Well, this double scheduling has happened more than once. It has occurred during plays put on in the Ely Theater, and now Mr. Courtney is on the Wednesday that the Coffee House is supposed to be on. Now. . . for all you Coffee House fans, the new date is March 5, 2002. Write that down. I expect to see you all there. Ummmm. . . so yeah, quit this double scheduling stuff.

And now. . . a short story: There once was a girl named Joan. She lived with her family in Sierra Leone. She met some friends at school. They all thought she was cool. They took her to a club one night. Some hoochies they ran into looked a fright. She arrived home kind of late. This wasn't any sort of date. She was in a super mood. Her stomach yelled for food. That's when she ate some GOOD F#*!ING BREAD. Then she went to her room and went to bed.

One last note, and certainly not least important...the maintenance lady from Lammers 4B will be retiring within the month. Please wish her well as she leaves to join her family. She was the best!

K. Martinelli is a Voice columnist

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Blue Key Award Nominations

Nomination papers now available in SGA (located in the Basement of Ely Campus Center), Teller Window in Ely, and in all Residence Halls.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I find it very disheartening when I see how under-appreciated our professors are on this campus. The faculty here has a history of non-support from the college. During contract negotiations our student representatives took an official stance of neutrality. The administration appears to be in a constant battle with the current faculty over financial concerns and educational freedom. And with the recent freeze in hiring, professors are being even further overworked and underpaid. These issues just scratch the surface, and what I think many of us don't realize, or choose not to recognize, is that when someone is constantly undervalued for the work they do, it should be expected that it will have an effect on their morale. With morale so low, combined with the lack of any organized support system, how can we expect to get the maximum benefit from our professors in our classes?

I certainly am not stating that every professor on this campus deserves student support, but from my experience and conversations with other students the great majority do. I've heard of numerous occasions of professors that went beyond the call of duty to assist students with tasks that often times go beyond their job description. It really does seem long overdue that they are recognized for it.

It's fairly evident that on the whole we as individual students support our faculty. Most of us enjoy our classes and enjoy the majority of the professors. Which leads me to the reason for this letter. I would like to ask you, the student, to take two minutes out of your day and show that you support and appreciate the work our faculty does. An email account has been set up to collect responses from students about faculty members they appreciate. It's a very simple process that would require you to think of a few thoughtful and appreciative sentences about a professor (or professors) and put them in an email to: WSCProfessors@aol.com. If you have more than one professor you would like to recognize then please feel free to send more than one email. If we join our individual voices into one then maybe for once the people who need to hear us will. It's important that we recognize the integral role that the faculty plays at the college if not for the sole reason that their morale has a direct impact on the student body's learning. The emails will be collected over the semester and used anonymously in a program scheduled later in the semester. Please show your support, and thank you.

-WSC student

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the article '"Fiddler" leaves spectators looking forward to next show' by Laura Gibson in the XVI issue of The Campus Voice. I am glad that a review was written on the musical, although it was a bit inaccurate. However, inaccuracy is not the reason I am writing this response.

As co-costume designer of "Fiddler On The Roof' and an actor who has performed in other campus productions, I appreciate and saw first hand the time and effort put in by each of the cast members. I felt it was in poor taste that Gibson added the following remarks.

"However I wish there could have been someone else that could have played the Fiddler better. I wish I were up there. Unfortunately, I did not try out. But I should've since I played the violin for ten years."

Erin was asked by Daniel Cassidy (Director of MTG's Fiddler) to take on the role after winter break. Not only had she not played the violin in many years, she only had three weeks to learn the part. I think it was insulting as well as unprofessional for Gibson to suggest that she would have done a better job. I wish everyone knew how much time and effort it takes to put on a theatrical production.

Although I feel Gibson generally wrote an appropriate critique and feel that she is entitled to her opinion, (that is what a journalist is there to do, critique the play and write her/his opinion), I felt that her egotistic remark was unnecessary. When writing the article I wish she had put herself in the shoes of Erin and thought "What if it had been me up there?" I am aware that not everyone can impress everyone, but when put in black and white it doesn't feel so good. I feel that Erin did an excellent job when you consider that she took on the role with only three weeks till opening. I hope that this response does not offend Gibson but only emphasizes that the role of the Fiddler was not easy to take on and Erin should be applauded for her performance not denounced. Thank you.

-Julia Santabarbara
Class of 2003

Dear Campus Voice:

The quote in the last issue "Having a cheaper headline band will cut the ticket prices for students" is not a justifiable reason to have Run DMC headline Spring Weekend 2002. Run DMC will cost WSC $15,000, while Ja-Rule would cost $25,000. It says in the article that the price of a student ticket is 10 dollars. I figure that if Ja-Rule comes to this campus to put on a show about 2,500 people would show up. If you charge 15 dollars instead of 10 you would get an increase of $12,500, which would cover the cost of Ja-Rule with money to spare.

"Run DMC is a modern day legend of hip-hop." If anyone on campus can name more than four songs from Run DMC (not including "Walk This Way", because it's nothing without Aerosmith) then please tell me. On the other hand, Ja-Rule is a "modern day" legend with hit after hit. I don't know about the rest of this campus, but I would rather see Ja-Rule than ride in a brand new shuttle bus.

Furthermore, a recent guest lecturer here at Westfield State cost approximately $3,000 to put on—and this was one of the cheaper ones of the week. Attendance to these speakers' presentations draw maybe a hundred people while a Spring Weekend concert is notorious for drawing in a majority of the college campus annually. I feel that junior Adam Sassone hits it right on the head by saying, "I think Run DMC is a waste of money and a waste of time to go see."

-Jeff Eagan

A Mile In My Shoes

MEG CANNING

If you've seen the movie The Fight Club, then you know the type of person I'm talking about when I say "Marla." Marla attends support groups for problems she doesn't have. She goes because the people there really listen to her. That's how I felt two Mondays ago when my Family and Friends group began. I had only been to one support group before. One of my best friends from home was hospitalized because of anorexia our freshmen year of college. My friend, Josh, and I attended the meeting to support her. But this time, my roommate, Elisa, was there to comfort me. I was the one who needed help and I wasn't sure what to expect or how to act.

The Center of Hope, 86 Court St., Westfield, is a community to turn to for adult cancer survivors and family members and friends of people who have or have had cancer. After learning of my Dad's illness February 8, I attended my first support group February 11.

In our society, the words "support group" have a negative stigma attached to them. You imagine members sitting in a circle and pouring their souls out, almost in a pathetic manner. That's not what my first visit to The Center of Hope was like at all.

It's too bad that many people in our generation think negatively of support groups. My old friend and roommate, Justine, admitted she was scared to go with me at first. But after her first and my second visit, she said it was great that I was attending this group. Also, I think she found it therapeutic because her grandmother has cancer.

It strengthens friendships when friends take the time to go. Justine and I learned about each other at last night's meeting. There are just some things that won't come out unless you're in a caring and confidential environment like the Family & Friends group. The Center provides a cozy room with a safe feeling to it. You can talk about whatever's on your mind, be it new kinds of chemotherapy, or in some cases, ways of letting go.

When cancer invades a family, it confuses everyone. It hurts to not know the affects of the treatments or anything for that matter. For the next eight weeks, my Dad has radiation treatments five times a week and chemotherapy once a week. "Sometimes you have to get worse before you can feel better," he said.

My family is very positive and hopeful right now. We have to be. Like the Center of Hope's brochure quotes, "We gain strength, and courage, and confidence by each experience in which we really stop to look fear in the face" -Eleanor Roosevelt.

When I think about how my Dad is feeling, I get upset. I cry when I'm alone in my room, I cry on my way home Friday afternoons and on the way back to school on Sundays. But I don't like to be upset in front of anyone. For example, last week I was having a particularly tough day and my roommate, Maggie, came into our room. She gave me a hug and told me to keep crying and let it out. But the weird thing is that I just stopped crying.

The first rule about Fight Club is to never talk about Fight Club. This shouldn't be the case when it comes to friends helping friends. Sometimes when things are bothering us, we don't talk about it because we don't want to burden our family or friends. Everyone has their own problems to deal with, we say to ourselves.

Of course, we know our friends and family are there, even when we don't see them. I know it's the not the easiest thing for some to ask how my Dad is doing. Some, like my friend, Frank, don't always ask because he's afraid I'm tired of thinking about it. But I'd rather have Frank ask, I told him last night on Instant Messenger. Always ask, but sometimes I won't want to talk about it, I told him.

Another thing many have said is, "I'm sorry to hear your Dad is sick. If there's anything I can do for you and your family, let me know." Or, "Your family is my prayers."

When things like cancer and other illnesses invade our lives, people take notice. In response to last week's column, people that I'm friendly with and that I barely know have emailed and called me and sent cards to my apartment and Campus Voice office.

That's a great feeling to have. People at WSC really care. Thank you so much.

M. Canning is a Voice columnist

Mr. Nice Guy

SCOTT TOOMEY

No guy is going to want a serious relationship with a girl that goes out and hooks up with anything that has a twig and berries. Please remember that one girls.

So my last column was kind of weak. But I have been hearing decent things about it so it couldn't have been that bad.

I went home this past weekend (Presidents Day Weekend) and I must tell you that being at home gets me thinking about a lot of stuff. When I go home I have a lot of down time to do whatever. But since all of my friends from high school are most likely never home at the same time I am, I usually just spend most of my time either reading or thinking. So this time I was thinking about that inhumane ritual known as the first date.

We've all been through this a few times I'm sure. You meet someone. You express some sort of interest in hanging out with them in a one on one situation, so you ask them out. Simple right? Most of the time, yes. But some of us can't even muster up the courage to ask someone that we might have a chance at liking out on a date. Which really sucks. I know. I've been there. I got up to my junior year in high school before I asked a girl out on a real date. But what is it exactly that makes guys like me tremble at the thought of a first date? I think I might be able to shed a little light on it. So here goes nothing.

For someone to think that another person might not like him or her the way that they want them to is almost heartbreaking. You feel this incredible longing for a person and they don't even want to have anything to do with you. It's not exactly the best feeling in the world so we stray away from and fear dating a girl for the first time because we don't want to hear what a lot of us do hear after the first date.

Plus, thanks to the movies and TV, there are so many things about the first date that your supposed to know about and be ready for that it scares us away completely. For example, that whole kissing on the first date thing. What the hell is that all about? I don't know about you but I wouldn't be able to tell whether or not I liked someone enough to kiss them just by one date. It takes at least two or three. But, in my experience, some girls don't go for the "respect on the first date" thing and it's like if I don't attack them the first time we go out then it means that I don't like them. But, please girls don't get discouraged. Give me another date or two and I'm all yours.

Okay, I'm kind of sick of writing about first dates. If you want me to write about it some more next time than just e-mail me at HBK42581@.hotmail.com and let me know.

So, I was sitting in my Shakespeare class the other day waiting for the professor to get in and start teaching and this kind of cote girl walked in and sat in front of me. She was wearing a hooded sweatshirt but soon enough, off came the sweatshirt and the words "Abercrombie" appear on the back of her t-shirt. Ah yes. The ultimate symbol for the conformist youth of America. Theme clothing for those who can not think for themselves. Very sad. However, it would be unfair of me to say that all who don the A&F logo are poor souls with no originality. So we'll be safe and say 75%. Fair estimate, I think. Some of my very good friends happen to wear A&F so I'm not going to judge. But when you think about it, is there any real reason to buy their clothes. The only ones that I can think of are to 1) look halfway decent; 2) fit in with the zombie majority or 3) waste money. I can't really think of any other reason to buy their clothes. The guys pants that they sell have apparently been stained with tea leaves. Listen, if I wanted my new pair of pants to look like they've been worn a billion times I'd go buy some at the Salvation Army for 6 bucks. Never mind paying $60 for the same thing. Big ups to Westfield by the way for opening that huge new Salvation Army super store down the street. My dreams have finally come true.

Alright kids. That's it for this week. Until next time. One love. Peace.

Movie Of The Week: Pump Up The Volume Starring: Christian Slater and Samantha Mathis.

Three CD's In My Stereo While Writing This Column: 1) Bon Jovi- Crossroads 2) Rival Schools- United By Fate 3) The Ataris- Blue Skies, Broken Hearts....Next 12 Exits

S. Toomey is a Voice columnis

What You Will

The seemingly unbreakable image of a close friend cracked recently, leaving me questioning my own beliefs and my own significance. This friend was golden from day one. Always caring and always loving, he was one whose presence deserved nothing less than the highest regard. I held this person in the ideals upon which the first impression had warranted; he was the best of friends from the first words we had spoken to each other. Respect was mutual from that first encounter, and our friendship grew every time we spoke. I thought things would never change between us; we would be buddies throughout life, growing old and sitting around in our nursing homes joking about the things we did and things we should have done.

He and I have not been near each other for a while. After high school, our choices for school took us to live hours away. We still talked, emailed, wrote, and visited when we could, but communication wasn't as strong as it had been. When we did get together, it felt just like before, we still shared the same inside jokes and would know each other's reactions to anything almost before the other person reacted. After this last long time apart, I was looking forward to seeing him again. My life had been changing all around, and I looked towards spending time with him for reassurance and hopefully to gain some insight as to what was going on in my life. I'd always trusted his opinions, and had complete faith in his advice.

As we sat and talked this past time, I felt just as before, comfortable and inspired from just being near him. As he spoke however, little differences came up. The things he said were things that I never expected to hear from him. My heart dropped as I began to realize that this perfect friend, who had everything and who was everything, was truly real. He was not so golden. The friend who I bad naively thought would never change, had. In his talking I felt as though a part of our friendship had died. He had slipped from the heights that I had set him up on, and I couldn't accept him falling any farther. I wanted to end the conversation right there, and run away before I was exposed to any more image shattering realizations. I couldn't run from a friend, but I wanted to.

Our conversation continued and my image of this faultless person fell farther. In his relating a recent event, I was shocked to learn that he given up on a dream of his when he had been so close to achieving it. While he had allowed himself to step away from his dream, I couldn't step away from the enduring icon I had set him up to remain in my mind. He had every right, except for in my eyes, to fail. I had wanted to forever see him as perfect, but what exactly determines perfection? As he failed, the skin of his resilient image peeled away, exposing this real, at times unguarded and vulnerable, core. I turned awa unable to accept this discouragement, but th realized I could not forsake the friendship th has meant so much to both of us for so long. H was my friend from the beginning, and while felt as if I didn't really know this person sitting front of me, I knew that while changes ha occurred, there was still a bit of the old frien there.

The last of my friends to change h changed. There are parts of him that I don't kno that I thought I once did. The unfaltering imag had indeed faltered, but was this new pers really so bad? I know I have to open myself loving this new image, and I know it will tak time. I must learn this person over again, not an image, but as an individual, who is truly re Patience has never been my strongpoint, and going to take a lot.

K. Loiko is a Voice column

Latest Incubus offering an eclectic mix of musical styles

BY JESSICA NORDEN
ASSISTANT A&E EDITOR

Well all you Incubus fans out there, listen up. For all of you who haven't bought their latest CD, you are missing out on something good. I know this CD is few months old, but it is definitely worth listening to.

Incubus' CD, titled Morning View, is an eclectic mix of rock, punk, acoustic and a bit of pop that is reminiscent of their earlier album, Make Yourself.

The first track off the album is their newest single, "Nice To Know You." With a blend of guitars, drums, and turntables, it is a peppy, upbeat introduction to their CD. "I'm beginning to notice how much this feels/like a waking limb/pins and needles/nice to know you/goodbye..."

Their first single "Wish You Were Here" is the third track on the album and is an awesome song altogether. The beat, rhythm and lyrics just all combine to create a song that flows.

"Blood on the Ground" is one of my favorites because of its unique and rhythmic beat. The song starts off in an acoustic-like tone then unfolds to,display a harder edge of the band then what I was accustomed to.

"I bite my tongue every time you come around /cause blood in my mouth beats blood on the ground..."

"Echo" is a soft, melodic tune that brings a bit of easy listening to the CD. With its acoustic beginning and dramatic lyrics, this is definitely going to be one song you will want to hit repeat on.

"There's something about the look in your eyes/Something I noticed when the light was just right/It reminded me twice that I was alive..." The lyrics are somewhat romantic and definitely hit a soft spot with me when I heard this song.

The tune "Have You Ever" reminds me a bit of the song "Drive" from their previous album, Make Yourself. The lyrics are very upbeat and catch you right from the beginning. "To get up and walk away would be too easy/So stay and stand your ground, just watch your mouth with me/ On the back of every right there's a wrong loathing/...Have you ever tried to step in my shoes?"

The last track of the CD, "Aqueous Transmission," is an eclectic and unique mix of instruments and adding in an Oriental type melody throughout the song made this one a favorite.

The lyrics themselves just made a peaceful end to a CD filled with a great variety of sounds and rhythms. "I'm floating down a river/oars freed from their holes long ago/Lying face up on the floor of my vessel/I marvel at the stars/and feel my heart overflow."

So, if you have enjoyed Incubus' past albums and haven't already gone out and bought this or downloaded it, I suggest you do so. For more info on Incubus, go to www.enjoyincubus.com

-File Photo

Rock band Incubus bave released their latest CD, Morning View.

Westfield State learns manners

BY ELIZABETH LAFOND
VOICE REPORTER

"Don't slouch at the dinner table! Don't eat with your mouth full!" Didn't your mother always tell you that?

Well, Mom was right, but she didn't teach you everything. It takes a lot more than eating properly and sitting up straight to impress future employers.

Ninety Westfield State College students and faculty attended the annual Dining Etiquette dinner in Scanlon Banquet Hall last week to polish their table manners and learn how to impress future employers.

Carol McGuiggan, Co-director of Career Services at Assumption College, gracefully guided students through the seven-course meal. Her soft voice followed her as she strolled through the room, instructing and answering questions.

The original premise of the dining etiquette dinner is to relieve nerves and expose students to a seminar on proper manners, Maureen McCartney, Director of Career Services, said.

"Even if you have a great resume, you won't cut it if you eat like a slob," she said.

Upon entering Scanlon Banquet Hall, students were asked to meet three people in the room to practice proper rules of hand shaking and small talk. Conversation should be light and never focus on topics that will arouse emotions, McGuiggan explained.

"I believe that the etiquette dinner was beneficial, although it could have been better if there was someone from the business world also participating in the presentation," junior History major Dave McGovern said.

"I definitely learned a lot, but every manner was emphasized!," Kate Maurer, a sophomore, said.

Students learned about the "community foods," such as the breadbasket and water pitcher and how they are properly passed to the right, and utensils are to be used from the outside in.

"The utensil setup is a map of the meal you are about to have. You'll know how many courses there will be by the amount of utensils at your setting, McGuiggan said.

The savory menu was purposely designed to present difficult entrée's, consisting of prime rib, pasta and Cornish hen, said McCartney. For example, you should know the anatomy of a Cornish hen before you eat one, McGuiggan said. "It is very delicate and full of tiny bones."

"I had the Cornish hen and I wanted to pick it up and eat it with my hands!" junior Heather Perreault said with a laugh. "It was difficult but I learned a lot from the dining etiquette," she said.

WSC President Frederick Woodward attended the event and shared some embarrassing dining moments. In Great Britain, Woodward was amongst high-level professionals and dropped a dainty coffee cup in his lap. Coffee went everywhere, he said. "All I could do was laugh and excuse myself," Woodward said.

Untitled

His truth attracted me,
His 'bad boy' image seduced me...
He ain't my type though...
His hair is prettier than mine...
Suddenly saw his ugly soul...
Spitting curses at me cause I won't satisfy him...
F@$K you.
I was just looking for lips to kiss, a chest to lay on...
that ain't askin' too much.
~S.

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At least Millencolin still knows how to rock

BY JEFF BORDIN
SPECIAL TO THE VOICE

The more I listen to music, the more I realize that the only true test of a band is time. If you survive more than a few years, you've passed the test. If you don't, well you're just like the majority of other acts out there. But let's be honest, you have a better chance of being struck by lightning or spontaneously combusting than lasting for an extended period of time in the music industry-mainstream or indie. It's a harsh truth, but most bands fail the test.

Howevery, Millencolin must be doing something right, because they've been churning out "A+" efforts for the past ten years!

The band's latest, "Home From Home," is just that-exemplary work. Playing like a speedy Foo Fighters record with a punk edge, "Home From Home" is by far Millencolin's best work to date. With heart-on-sleeve lyrics and sometimes haunting, sometimes conquering guitar riffs, the new record's musical maturity vocal honesty makes for a very fulfilling listen. On a few of the disk's rockier tracks, It's almost as if you'd expect Dave Grohl's post-grunge croon to come sliding through the speakers. But, it's Nikola's voice that makes this album classic. In a landscape of punk singers who employ identical vocal techniques, it's a breath of fresh air to hear one the best voices in the genre shining brightly on such a great record.

In "Home from Home," Millencolin has managed to craft a rock 'n' roll album that could appeal to the poppiest of teensters, and the most devout punk rock listener. The honest approach to song writing on the album-both lyrically and musically-shapes the disk into an accessible song cycle. The guitar parts are direct and raw; the lyrics are straightforward and real. And in as few words as possible, this album is one of the most grippingly sincere releases I've heard in a long time. On "Montego," a nasty rocker, Nikola cries, "I know I get what I give/ cause I don't feel too good/ cause I don't give much." It's this honesty that has been Millencolin's secret to success over the years, their ability to write great music that means something to everyone.

The chorus of "Afghan" ends with the line "so, show the world you're strong." And on this record, the band has done just that. They've passed the test. Ten years running, and Millencolin is still one of the strongest, most honest punk bands around.

-File Photo

Millencolin at the 2001 Warped Tour.

Rice's vampire chronicles continue with Queen of the Damned

BY LAURA GIBSON
VOICE REPORTER

From Anne Rice's novel, "Queen of the Damned," comes an awesome movie about vampires. The theaters were packed to capacity with vampires sucking blood. If you like vampires, you will like this movie. This was an action-packed horror movie.

It stars Stuart Townsend as vampire Lestat who has risen a couple of centuries later. The movie first takes place 200 years in the past where Marius (Vincent Perez) makes Lestat a vampire in order to enlighten Marius about the changing times. As Lestat learns to be a vampire, he learns a vampire lives in solitude.

A vampire never reveals himself to mortals. This is a predicament for Lestat because he wants a mate. Lestat later sneaks into a secret cavern, where he does not belong, and drinks the statue Akasha's blood. Marius finding this out leaves Lestat for 200 years with the statues.

Now in the present, Lestat seeks to unveil himself as a vampire in a band where he will get the exposure to millions of people, which he never had before. The vampires are still a mystery today, as Jesse Reeves (Marquerite Moreau) and her boss played by Paul McGann as David Talbot prove.

Jesse becomes very interested in learning more after reading Lestat's journal from the 1800's. She goes as far as visiting the area in which she has read so much about. She eventually learns that when growing up as a child she was living with vampires. She also goes out to his concert. His music has now found the ear of ancient Queen Akasha, played by the late Aaliyah. Queen Akasha has been waiting for the perfect time to rise again. She begins to, but in the end she is ruled over.

Eventually, Jesse allows Lestat to suck her blood and she too becomes a vampire. The movie ends with Jesse and Lestat in love. Jesse goes back to the office to introduce Lestat to David, her boss, and gives him the diary. She tells him that she can no longer work with him.

This movie was really something. It left me a bit perplexed throughout. The acting was good for translating the great' Anne Rice's words, for that is a very hard job. Stuart Townsend did a great job of portraying Lestat. He did a wonderful job of acting out Lestat's curse of loneliness and what a person, not just a vampire, would do if he was plagued by such a curse.

I enjoyed the idea that Jesse actually fell for the vampire and became one herself. The idea of Akasha's dominance was a nice balance. I enjoyed that sequence of events of her gaining control and watching her die. I really enjoyed watching her die off and seeing all the vampires go in for the kill.

I feel it has been while where there have not been any vampire movies with blood and guts, etc. Those long fangs…and more. Maybe there will be more made in the future.

It was nice to see this for a change. I liked this movie because it appreciated the vampire, not just killed the vampire off, like other films.

To anyone who likes vampires, go see this movie! You're sure to like it as well.

-File Photo

Lestat and Akasha in "Queen of the Damned."

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Top 6 Thoughts of our Mascot- - Nestor the Owl

6. When they decided on the owl, they never realized that all students would refer to our mascot as a hooter, not an owl.
5. Our mascot is a big owl, not a big breast.
4. When they named him Nestor, people thought that it was called Nest-Whore.
3. I have never seen an owl on campus. I have seen a lot of black squirrels. Why aren't we WSC's Black Squirrels?
2. Owls are only high on the food chain compared to mice. So, if we ever take on Disney World in a football game, Nestor could probably kick Mickey's ass.
1. Nestor sounds like Napster. We all remember what happened to that. It was first the coolest thing, then it died! (No, I'm in no way threatening the life of the dumb bird)

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Softball League (M&W) Roster Due Mar. 21, Play begins Sun. Mar.25

Co-ed Softball League Roster Due Mar. 21, Play begins Mon. Mar. 26

Co-ed Sand Volleyball League Roster Due Mar. 21, Play begins Mon. Mar. 26

Ultimate Frisbee League (M&W) Roster Due Mar. 21, Play begins Mon. Mar. 26

Homerun Derby (M&W) Play begins Wed. May 9

LaBelle, Knott, Conners Selected All-Conference

Three Westfield State College players were selected to the 2002 Massachusetts State Athletics Conference All-MASCAC basketball teams.

Senior forward A.J. LaBelle of Ashfield (Mohawk Trail Regional) was a first team selection, while junior guard Brenda Knott of Dudley (Sheperd Hill Regional) and senior guard Phil Con [illegible] of Lowell were second [illegible] picks.

LaBelle is a three-time all-conference selection. She was a first-team pick during her sophomore season, when she scored a season-best 387 points, and a second-teem pick last year.

LaBelle led the Owls this season in scoring (12.0 points per game) and steals (2.1) and was second in rebounding (7.3). She finished her fine four-year collegiate career with 1,231 points to rank filth on the all-time Westfield State women's list.

Knott was second on the team in scoring (10.6 points per game) and assists (2.4). She led the team in free throw shooting (76 percent) and was first in the conference in three-point baskets made with 57 in 27 games played.

Conners averaged 8.2 points per game while earning a starting berth midway thru the season. He had some big performances during conference action, including a career-high 25 points vs. Massachusetts College, and 19 points, including a 5-for-5 effort from three-point range, vs. Bridgewater State.

Conners finished his four-year collegiate career with 643 points and 116 3-point baskets. He shot 76 percent (135 for 173) from the foul line.

Father Dean congratuletes senior hockey captain Mike Fitzgerald during Westfield State's linal home game. Fitzgerald, the Owls' only senior, finished his lour-yeer collegiate career with 27 goals and 36 assists in 84 games. *Photo By John Paulmann*

Ice Hockey Drops Finale

Sienna 4 - Westfield 2

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State College ice hockey team lost to Sienna College, 4-2, in its season finale on Saturday, Feb. 23, at Amelie Park.

The Owls finished with an 8-13-2 record, including a 4-6 home record.

Westfield trailed 4-0 after two periods, then scored twice in the third stanza.

Senior captain Mike Fitzgerald scored in his final game along with Ryan Lawless. Mike Palazzola and Archie Kalezic had assists. Freshman goalie Dustin Durcj started the game, but had to leave midway through the second period. He was replaced by Ardy Kalezic, who played a strong game between the pipes.

"We did outplay them the entire third period, along with the last eight minutes of the second period," said coach Brian Ward. "We just did not "cash in"'. We did not quit and we showed perseverance. That was good to see."

Assumption 8 - Westfield 5

WESTFIELD - Assumption College held on for an 8-5 victory over Westfield State College in ice hockey action on Feb. 20.

Trailing 4-1 after two periods, Westfield closed to within a goal, 5-4, with seven minutes remaining. Assumption responded with three unanswered goals to thwart the comeback bid.

Matt Stone scored a late-game goal for the Owls. Marc McGuire tallied twice, and Mike Palazzola and Archie Kalezic each had a short-handed goal.

Kalezic also had two assists. Recording one assist were: Kevin Pelkey, Ryan Lawless and Alan Donnelly.Goalie Ardy Kalezic stopped 35 shots in defeat

Owls Edge Worcester In Semifinals

Women's Hoop Falls In Finals

Salem 60 – Westfield State 41

SALEM – Senior Casie Rhodes (East Greenwich, RI) posted game-highs of 14 points and 16 rebounds and junior Edwina Ashe (Lincoln, MA) had 13 points end 15 rebounds to lead Salem State College to a 60-41 victory over Westfield State in the championship game of the Massachusetts State Athletics Conference women's basketball postseason toumament.

Salem, 21-6, received an automatic berth into the NCAA Division III Tournament. It was the 10th straight conference tournament title for the Vikings, and the 12th crown since the toumament began 13 years ago. Westfield, playing in its ninth championship game, finished with a 12-15 record as the No. 3 seed.

Trailing 9-8 with 13:20 left in the first half, Salem went on a 13-1 run over the next eight minutes to take a 21-10 lead. The Vikings led 33-20 at halftime, then put the game out of reach two minutes into the second half by taking a 42-21 advantage.

Both teams were coming off hard-fought victories in Friday night's semifinals and shot poorly from the field and foul line. Westfield was 12 for 53 from the floor (23 percent), including a dismal 2 for 22 from three-point range. Salem shot 31 percent from the field, but the taller Vikings held a 63-41 rebounding edge, including 25 offensive boards.

Junior center Melissa Cote (Feeding Hills) led Westfield with team highs of 14 points and seven rebounds. She scored 12 of the Owls' 20 first-half points.

Senior forward A.J. LaBelle (Ashfield) was in early foul trouble and scored just two points. LaBelle picked up her third foul with 7:24 left in the first half, then was called for an offensive charge 13 seconds into the second half.

Westfield 69 – Worcester 67

SALEM – Junior center Melissa Cote (Feeding Hills) had 19 points and 10 rebounds to lead Westfield State to a thrilling 69-67 come-from-behind overtime victory over Worcester State in the semifinals of the Mass. State Conference basketball tournament.

Westfield trailed for most of the game and drew to within a point four times in second half before sending the game into overtime on a three-point basket by sophomore point guard Leslie Cooke (South Hadley). The clutch trey was well beyond the arc on the right wing and tied the score at 61-61 with 5.7 seconds remaining in regulation.

Worcester State's biggest lead in the second half was 10 points, 49-39, with 10:28 remaining. But the Owls kept battling back sparked by the inside play of Cote, who scored 15 of her team-high 19 points in the final 25 minutes.

"We never quit," said first-year Westfield State coach Steve Marcil. "We didn't panic and we kept working hard. We refused to roll over.

"Another key factor was that we got the lead in overtime," he added. "It was a good strong team effort."

The Owls outscored Worcester State, 8-4, in the overtime. Cote scored the Owls' first two buckets, but Worcester responded with baskets from freshman Donna Zwembe (Ware) and freshman Rochelle Lavoie (Fall River), who poured in a game-high 25 points.

Westfield senior A.J. LaBelle (Ashfield) made a 15-foot jumper to give Westfield a 67-65 lead with 1:11 remaining. Junior Nicole Sealander (Easthampton) increased the margin to 69-65 on an offensive rebound put back at the 30.1 second mark. Worcester's final points were two free throws by Trish Cushing with 1.6 seconds remaining.

Cooke played all 45 minutes and finished with 14 points, six rebounds, three assists, and no turnovers.

A.J. LaBelle finished her outstanding lour-year cereer with 1,231 points, lifth on the all-time list.

"Cote took over for us and Cooke also gave us a big effort," said Westfield State coach Steve Marcil.

Other major contributors in the Owls' balanced attack were LaBelle and Sealander, each of whom had 12 points and nine rebounds. Junior guard Brenda Knott (Dudley) finished with nine points.

Zwemke was the only other Worcester player in double figures with 11 points. First team all conference selection Lauren Burke finished with nine points and eight rebounds.

"I was very impressed with our defensive effort," said Marcil. "Worcester has two all conference players (Lavoie and Burke) who are excellent scorers. We weren't able to stop them completely hut we contained them."

Four Owls Earn All New England Track Honors

Four members of the Westfield State College indoor track and field team earned All New England honors at the New England Division III championships.

In the women's meet, sophomore Jess Silva of Reading finished sixth in the 400 meter dash with a time of 59.9. Placing eighth was sophomore Abbey Laffond of Athol with a school record toss of 39-2 in the shot put. Laffond had previously set the school record on Feb. 2 with a heave of 37-5.

In the men's meet, junior Ryan Fregeau of Athol finished eighth in the 200 meter dash with a time of 23.19. Fregeau had the second best time in the preliminary heat with a 22.61 clocking.

Finishing seventh was junior Josh Lewbel of Middlehury, Conn., in the long jump (6.31 meters).

Junior Tom Gilbert of Amherst High School just missed earning All New England honors as he placed ninth in the shot put (13.74 meters). In addition, he finished 12th in the 20-pound weight throw.

New England Swim Results

TEAM SCORING: 1. Bentley 912; 2. Keene State 857; 3. Brandeis 596; 4. Mass Dartmouth 546; 5. Simmons 496; 6. Gordon 443; 7. Plymouth State 394; 8. St. Michaels 352; 9. Bridgewater State 343; 10. Eastern Connecticut 305; 11. Western New England 228.5; 12. Westfield State 228; 13. St. Joseph's, Conn. 192; 14. Regis 125; 15. Norwich 84; 16. Elms 42; 17. Colby-Sawyer 36; 18. Salem State 21.

SIXTH: Kelley Reardon, one-meter diving, 289.4 points; Kelley Reardon, three-meter diving, 301.5 points.

NINTH: Nicole Spataro, 100 backstroke, 1:08.20.

10TH: Kim MacKenzie, 50 breastroke, 36.61; Kristie Webster, 200 individual medley, 2:32.03.

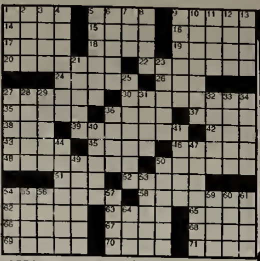
11TH: 400 medley relay (Jenny Gilbert, Kim MacKenzie, Nicole Spataro, Heather Nelson), 4:40.64. 800 freestyle relay (Nicole Acheson, Nicole Spataro, Kristie Wehster, Heather Nelson), 9:03.28.

12TH: Jenny Gilbert, 50 backstroke, 32.67; Dana LedDuke, 50 butterfly, 29.81; 200 medley relay (Jenny Gilbert, Kim MacKenzie, Dana LedDuke, Heather Nelson). 2:08.66. 400 freestyle relay (Nicole Spataro, Colleen Boisvert, Nicole Acheson, Heather Nelson), 4:09.15.

Mass. State Conference Smith Cup Standings

After Winter Sports Season

Place	School	Points	Possible Points	%
1st	Westfield	25.5	48	.531
2nd	Bridgeweter	21	48	438
3rd	Worcester	20	54	.370
4th	Salem	16	48	.333
5th	Mass College	8	36	.222
6th	Framingham	9	54	.167
7th	Fitchburg	8.5	54	157
8th	Mass Maritime	0	24	.000



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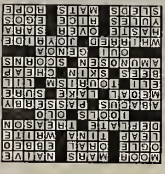

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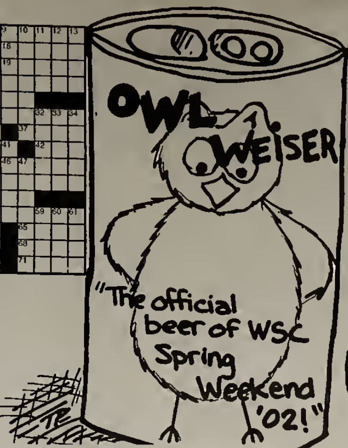
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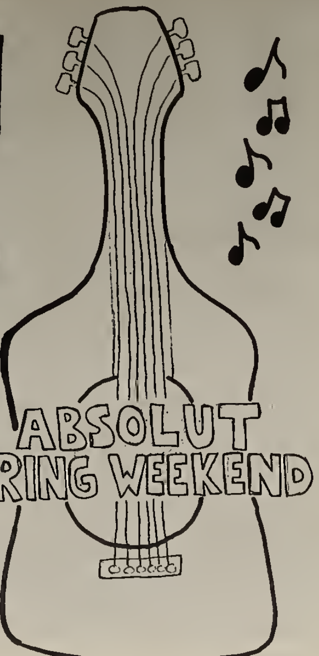

Personals

For anyone who wonders why we can't put a newspaper together in two days, get your lazy asses up here and do it yourself.

Blanch's graduation present from Chicopee comp was a white jetta with a sports bra.

Mazzone, Get a haircut and watch out for the 30 yard line.

Let me tell you about the huminathribi - it's that amazing!

If the shoe fits, get another one just like it for the other foot.

I'm with Child!

Keith from Church Street, so many girls so little time.

Beware when #17 gets a hold of the personals.

Sam J. Slow dances to Foolish Games at Whip City.

"Where's Charles?' - ME

kkwsc99 you are my intramural soccer queen p.s. meet me at Subway.

"Buxbaum I can't wait to see you, your're mine M.C."

"I mean honestly, who names their kid DEAN?' - ME

"I-Love-My-Girlfriend!"

Lakey, you stink at hoop and Dilfer sux.

It's not you, it's me. I don't like you. Too True.

So how about a "Voice of the Week" that's actually a student.

Can't wait for another chance to finish that massage!

What is the deal with Good F*@!ing Bread?

Ryan's mine you short little B*&!@

Back Fat!

Hoochie Mama's got a party in a bag!

It's not you, it's the cards!!

We heart 1C2!

Oh my god! -There is a mouse in my shoe!

Hey Kim and Jess, I hope you two feel better soon!

"When are they gonna build an elevator in Ely?' -Scott

My cat smells like cat food.

"5!"

Thank god it's almost spring break! Only like 75 days left! WAHOO!

I bent my wookie!

Only the good die young.

I'm watching you! Trust me! Don't mess with me! ~P

Guitar Wolf rocks my face off.

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WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events

Mon 3/4	5:30 p.m.	Campus Activities Board	SGA Office
	7:00 p.m.	WSKB DJ Meeting	Ely Lower Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	CAB Movie Nite Series	Ely Lower Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Liar Liar"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Shrek	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Tue 3/5	3:30 p.m.	"How to Help a Friend Who's Grieving"	Scanlon Living Room
	5:30 p.m.	Student Government Association	SGA Office
	5:30 p.m.	Wind Symphony Conert	Dever Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	COFFEEHOUSE	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Good Will Hunting"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Princess Diaries"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Wed 3/6	12:30 p.m.	Commuter Pizza Giveaway	Ely Main Lounge
	1:00 p.m.	Mid Week Musicale	Dever Auditorium
	6:00 p.m.	Mr. Courtney	$$ Dever Auditorium
	7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Air Force One"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Primary Colors"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Thur 3/7	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Men in Black"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Score"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	10:00 p.m.	Card and Game Night	Third World Room
Fri 3/8	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Sat 3/9	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live with WSKB	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Sun 3/10	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
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Bomb scare hits campus

Ongoing investigation to discover culprit

Student fees to be raised by up to $800

President Woodward announces raise in fees to compensate budget cuts

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Spring Weekend schedule finalized

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Run DMC will be headlining Spring Weekend on April 20

By Brooke Ann Popielarz
Voice Reporter

The weather is not exactly spring-like for WSC's Spring Weekend that happens every April. But no matter what the weather brings, Run DMC will take the stage as our headliner band, Saturday, April 20 at 4 p.m.

Included in this year's show will be the top three winners from the Battle of the Talents. The Battle of the Talents, a competition between different campus talents, is taking place March 28 and April 2 from 7-11 p.m. in the Ely Main Lounge.

The bands need to have at least one member of the band attending WSC and each group has forty minutes to perform including set-up time.

The judges will be the presidents of each class and the manager of the WSKB radio station. Judging the winners will be based on over-all talent, enthusiasm, professionalism and audience appeal.

There are still slots left if any group would like to perform, said Angela LaPierre, Vice President of Programming.

Kick off to Spring Weekend 2k2 is Friday, April 19, beginning with the second and third place winners of Battle of the Talents followed by the headliner band, Almost Speechless. There will be a midnight pancake breakfast following all of the performers.

"The best part of Spring Weekend is that everyone seems to get along and there are no big differences between groups of people on this," junior Mike Berman said.

First place winner of the talents competition will perform at noon followed by Mr. Lif who is an underground rapper from the Boston area, says Toomey. "I've

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Majority of parking ticket money goes to scholarships

$80,000 went into scholarship fund for WSC students from money collected last year

By Alison Close
Voice Reporter

For all those who cringe at the sight of that fluorescent green paper decorating their car that's not quite parked where it belongs, it might make you feel better to know that it's not a job anyone enjoys.

Director of Public Safety Paul Scannell stressed, "It's unfortunate that we have to do it. It's a job we'd just rather let someone else take care of."

Scannell said there are reasons for ticketing students that do not include making a profit. He said that all money collected goes directly into the college account, not Public Safety's account.

"Last year we collected about 6,000 tickets from students, faculty and visitors. Of that money, about $80,000 went into the scholarship fund for Westfield State students," he said.

Scannell said he understands resident students' complaints, but people need to realize lots are full on the weekdays and we have to utilize what we have. He continued that we can only do that by parking in the areas we're supposed to.

Junior Karl Fuhs of Scanlon Hall said, "I understand the need for faculty lots to be open on the weekdays, but I don't know why students get ticketed for parking there when faculty is clearly not using them.

"Why should we park all the way down the street when we have open spaces on the weekends that aren't being used right in front of our buildings?," Fuhs asked.

Scannell said that students used to be allowed to park in faculty spaces during the weekend, but the problem arose when students didn't move by Monday morning. He said that teachers began complaining because there were no spots for them when they returned to work.

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College administration warns SGA the school is in for "a bumpy ride"

By Tom Perron
Assistant Editor

"We are in for a bumpy ride," Chief Financial Officer Nick Wojtowicz said when describing the cuts for next year's budget.

At the last Student Government Association's meeting, March 19, Wojtowicz and Dr. Frederick Woodward, President of Westfield State College (WSC), said the budget cuts will not affect the college this year.

"Keeping the teaching and learning process is number one," said Woodward.

WSC is getting closer to knowing where the cuts will be taken, Woodward said. "However, in this budget process, you can never be sure what will happen in a week."

"Things keep changing," Wojtowicz said. "On Friday alone, we lost another $1,000,000."

Woodward and Wojtowicz said they are in the planning stages on where and how to save money to make up for the cuts the college is receiving in the 2003 fiscal year budget.

Some of the ways the college financial committee hope to save money will directly impact the students. Examples of these proposed changes are possibly activating a student fee increase, increasing class size, starting an overload charge for excessive credits and eliminating the option of using a credit card for student payments.

Before any of these actions go into place they must be presented to the Board Of Trustees, Woodward said.

The fee increase will be approximately $600 annually, Wojtowicz said.

But, Woodward said, "We still are the third lowest fee structure out of the nine state colleges."

The fee increase may effect whether students will be able to afford attending this institution, Wojtowicz said. Although, five percent of revenue from the increase will go directly towards scholarships, he said.

Another way to save money is by increasing class sizes, Wojtowicz said. Class will not have a drastic increase in size, he said. For example, classes that now have 25 students, may have 30

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WSC student and athlete dies after battle with cancer

By Meg Canning
News Editor

When Phanessa Fisher was diagnosed with cancer in 1999, she never once complained or felt sorry for herself, Head Softball Coach Lou Ann Simchak said. "These are the cards I was dealt and this is the hand I will play," Fisher said to Simchak shortly after her diagnosis.

Phanessa "Phanny Mae" E. Fisher, 22, a student and athlete at Westfield State College, died Tuesday, March 19, at U-Mass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester, after a battle with cancer.

Born in Leominster, Fisher was a lifelong resident of Sterling.

She was a 1997 graduate of Wachusett Regional High School in Holden, where she was goalie for the varsity field hockey team and pitcher for the varsity softball team. She also received the softball MVP award.

Upon graduating WSC with a degree in Art Education, Fisher was planning to attend Mt. Ida College to learn the funeral service profession. She was planning to marry

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Phanessa "Phanny Mae" Fisher

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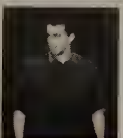

In a letter to the editor, SGA President Shane Eldredge explains the college's budget cuts.

Hall of Black Achievement recognizes WSC students

By Laura Cyr
Editor in Chief

Two seniors from Westfield State College were nominated for the 2002 Hall of Black Achievement (HOBA) recognition. A January 26 celebration at Bridgewater State College honored Andrew Christopher Marshall of Springfield, Massachusetts, and Margarete Yarismar Serrano, of Holyoke, Massachusetts, for their outstanding academic performances at WSC, as well as their dedication and commitment to the college and surrounding communities.

The Hall of Black Achievement, a project that began at Bridgewater State College in 1987, established the Student Achiever Award to recognize up to two students of African (African-American, Caribbean, Latino/a, Cape Verdean) descent from each of the nine Massachusetts state colleges. "This award honors and celebrates the culmination of an undergraduate career that exemplifies academic achievement, strong leadership skills, and good citizenship both on campus and within the community," said Joan Fuller, Director of Minority Affairs at Westfield State.

Marshall has a dual major of Elementary Education and Liberal Arts. "He has been very focused on his future career goal of becoming a fourth or fifth grade teacher, and has taken advantage of every teaching related opportunity as possible," Fuller said.

As a member of the National Education Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi, Marshall has performed community service work serving as a mentor to youth, 7-10 years old, who participate in after school programs in the Westfield Elementary Schools. A founding member, Marshall established the Future Teachers of Color Organization at Westfield State. He also serves as a chaperone at middle school dances at the Boys and Girls Club in Westfield, and acts as a substitute teacher in the Springfield public school systems during the intercession.

Marshall is also a successful campus leader. He was an active member of the Third World Organization during his freshman year. A Dean's List recipient, he was recognized by the WSC Education department for his academic excellence at the spring 2001 "4th Annual Students of Color Recognition Banquet." Marshall also assists the Director of Minority Affairs/Urban Education program with recruitment efforts which includes the providing of campus tours and speaking to prospective students and their parents about the college.

Serrano is a senior with the dual major of Psychology and Criminal Justice. "She hopes to become a juvenile probation officer after graduation due to her love for working with youth," Fuller said.

Seeking a variety of off-campus experiences to complement her academic scholarship at WSC, Serrano has worked as an intern caseworker, dealing with adult ex-offenders preparing to reenter the community. She has also worked at the N.E.A.R.I. school in Holyoke, serving as a counselor, tutor, mediator, translator, and workshop facilitator. The Springfield Youth Department Assessment Center has also benefited from Serrano serving as a primary teacher in the Clean Slate Program.

On the campus of WSC, Serrano has served as a Peer Counselor for students participating in the summer 2001 Urban Education "Bridge" program. She is currently serving as President of the Third World Organization, and is also an active member in the Latino Association for Empowerment.

From the Editor's Desk

Senior Disappointment

None of us came to Westfield State College expecting to find the same type of school spirit most of us knew in high school, or the type of school spirit that exists at the colleges with the big name sports teams like Boston College or Notre Dame. However, when I came here I expected enough school spirit and pride to exist that people would want to remember their college days and all the fun they had, the people they met, and the activities and events that distracted us all from our classes and homework. Unfortunately this does not seem to be the case.

I have to say that I was disappointed with the turnout and interest the senior class showed in getting a yearbook. I know it may seem cheesy and you're really not going to look at your college yearbook all that often, but it still is a nice thing to have.

What was surprising about the lack of interest this year is that there was a good amount of school spirit and pride earlier on due to the incredible winning season of the football team. The campus was buzzing with excitement about the winning record and people who hadn't attended a college event in their four years here were turning up at the games. What happened to that pride and spirit, I'm not sure. But it definitely disappeared in the senior class since only 90 students out of a potential 900 showed up to get a yearbook picture taken.

We all have pictures and tokens of remembrance that will always remind us of our college years. Nothing is as complete as the yearbook would have been though. The yearbook would have included pictures of professors, of the campus, of sports teams, of events, and of clubs. While there are professors we all want to forget when we leave here, there are those that have all touched our lives and we may not have pictures to remember them by. And when the invitations come around for reunions, whether you decide to go or not, we will all reminisce about those great four (or five) years and want to look back on memories. I will always look fondly upon my time at Westfield State. I just wish more people realized they would also, and would want that great tangible reminder of those times that a yearbook is.

Laura Cyr
Editor-In-Chief

Budget crisis education days information

The following information was made available to Westfield State College faculty outlining plans for the Budget Crisis Information Days, April 1 and 2, and to provide information on the reason for the budget cuts, the effects, and what students can do. The Campus Voice felt this information would be important to pass on to the college community, so please take a few minutes out of your day and inform yourself about this important issue.

Why is the state out of money?

The tax rate rollback came at the wrong time - In 2002, state voters approved an income tax rate rollback promoted by the Cellucci-Swift administration. The legislature wants to freeze the rollback until times get better; Jane Swift promises to veto that proposal. Her foolish rigidity in costing the state $230 million this year.

Waste and fraud of the Big Dig - The original estimate for the project was under $3 billion; "Cost overruns" brought the total to $14.6 billion and still rising. The federal government will pay $8 billion; the remaining $6+ billion will be coming out of state funds. The debt is sucking the revenue stream dry.

Why is public higher education taking so many cuts?

The state government doesn't care about public higher education - Massachusetts ranks near the bottom of all states in support for public higher education (PHE). It's among the lowest three in share of state money for PHE; it ranked 48th in 2001 in spending per $1,000 of personal income in the state, and 40th in per capita spending; it was one of only two states that actually cut PHE spending between 2000-2002--the other 48 increased it. Yet our tuition and fees were the 12th highest in the country last year!

Private college power and influence in used against us - The private colleges consider us the competition (we're a bargain!), and use their influence to weaken us. Since most legislators graduated from private colleges, the public colleges are ignored.

What are the effects of cuts on the college?

Fee increases, larger class sizes, fewer full time faculty, and possible consolidations and closing of certain campuses.

Why can't the college shift funds around to make up for the cuts?

Most of the college budget - about $21 million - is for personnel, whose salaries are contractually fixed. Other costs are hard to predict or control, such as fuel bills. Cutting maintenance only leads to higher expenses later when things deteriorate and break down. Money going to elevators and the field house and only capital projects is earmarked solely for those purposes - it cannot be transferred.

What can students do about It?

Write your legislators and tell your family to do the same! - The legislature is now deciding the budget for the fiscal year 2003. The most important legislative committees in the decision making process are the House and Senate Ways and Means Committees, which recommend bills on taxes and spending to the full legislature.

You can find out who your legislatures are at: http://www.state.ma.us/legis/citytown.htm

Tell the legislators what your education means to you and how it will effect your campus. Tell them to freeze the tax rollback, to raise taxes on those who got more than their share of breaks in the 1990s, and to restore as much funding as possible for the state colleges and universities.

The future of the state is its young people - and that future depends on public higher education!

Tickets

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Also, the school sponsors many weekend activities in which visitors need places to park. If all of the students take up those spaces, visitors have nowhere to leave their cars, Scannell explained.

Scannell said that although the rules have changed and students can no longer park in faculty parking, visitors can continue to park there. He added that the Commuter Council also offered to allow residents to park in the Commuter lots between 5p.m. on Fridays and 12 a.m. on Sundays. Commuter Lot is much closer to the residence halls than South Lot is, he said.

People pay to be able to park in certain spaces, Scannell began. "It's not my intention to hurt anyone's feelings, but when faculty and main lot students come to me upset because they paid for a space that is being taken up by those who should be parking elsewhere, something needs to be done."

Ticketing needs to remain consistent because if it slows down, the problem increases again, he said. "It's very important that we continue enforcement; we can't keep it sporadic."

Public Safety does the best they can to keep everyone safe and content, Scannell said. Also, the shuttle bus runs from South Lot to the main campus every 20 minutes until 2a.m and until 3a.m. on Thursdays for the safety and convenience of students.

Scannell said that WSC has done everything they can to make parking on campus as beneficial as possible. He added that as much as he doesn't want to upset or make life complicated for students wishing to park in main lots, he must consider the needs of those who pay to park there.

Junior Nichole Masse of Scanlon Hall said that if parking in the correct lot is so important to the school, perhaps they should make it clearer which lots belong to whom.

"I have a main lot sticker and I've been ticketed three times for parking in faculty spots," she said. During those times, there were two signs; one was old and rusty and was labeled one way, she said. The other was newer and had different spaces reserved for faculty. "Apparently, I only saw the older sign that is no longer valid. Well, if they want us to park in the right spaces so badly, maybe they should take down the old rusty signs that don't give the right information anymore," Masse said.

The cost of a parking ticket begins at $15. If a student does not pay within the allotted time period, additional fees are added that can get as high as $55.

According to Scannell, if a student receives 10 tickets in one year they then get referred to the Parking Control Board and could have their parking privileges revoked.

He added that five outstanding tickets could result in the violator's car being towed. Last year, 50 cars were towed, Scannell reported.

Students have the right to appeal their tickets at Public Safety or at the parking clerk's office.

Scannell said he has one piece of advice for students with cars on campus: "Park where you're supposed to and you won't see those awful tickets hanging from your windshield anymore."

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students next year.

By this slight increase in class size WSC will be saving approximately $130,000, Wojtowicz said.

The idea of a fee overload charge for students carrying more than 15 hours a semester is another idea the financial committee is considering, Wojtowicz said.

Wojtowicz said that this will be a "user fee." If a student takes more than 15 hours of classes they will have to pay $73.80 for each credit over the 15-credit limit, he said.

Members of the SGA expressed concern towards this idea.

Elizabeth Johansson, Senior Representative to Senate, said this will really hurt many students, especially education and science majors who frequently take over 15 credits due to labs and extra classes.

"Students who take a lab science automatically are at 16 credits," sophomore Paul Devine pointed out.

Many senators that are education majors expressed concern also. If this change goes into affect, education majors will be paying roughly $221 per semester in order to graduate in four years, Senior Representative to Senate Jen Plourd said.

Jill Fabbrucci, an education major, said she will not be able to graduate in four years because of the state requirements, but now it may cost even more.

Senior Amanda Perrin said, "All semesters except two I took 18 credits just to graduate with everyone else."

If this "user fee" was in effect for her college career, she explained, she would have to pay an extra $1,328.40 to graduate in four years.

Woodward asked if students to raise their hands if they would rather receive a student fee increase of roughly $25 and eliminate the user fee. The non-binding vote turned out about 50-50.

"I was hoping more for an 80-20 vote," Woodward said.

Meghan Canning, President of the Class of 2002, said, "If everyone who didn't raise their hands [voting against an increase for all students instead of the user fee] had to have taken more than 15 credits, they would have voted differently."

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>
> **Nick Wojtowicz**
>
> **Chief Financial Officer**

Eliminating credit card payments for day students is another plan to save money that Wojtowicz discussed. To be able to pay by credit card, some schools have students to pay a $24 fee.

He said that by eliminating payment by credit cards, the college can save money without really affecting students' pockets.

While administration worries about the budget cuts, Angela LaPierre, SGA Vice-President of Programming, is concentrating on Spring Weekend and other campus activities.

LaPierre said "Battle of the Talents" will take place on Thursday, March 28 and Tuesday, April 2 at 7 p.m. in Ely Main Lounge. The second and third place winners will play on the Friday night of Spring Weekend, April 19. The first place winner will open Spring Weekend on April 20.

LaPierre said she also was happy to announce to finalized lineup for Spring Weekend.

From 12 p.m. – 12:30 p.m., the first place winners of the "Battle of the Talents" will perform. Mr. Lif will follow from 1-2 p.m. Next on the lineup is a returning act to Spring Weekend under a new name. Splitshift, formerly Children of the Korn, will perform right before the headliner, Run DMC.

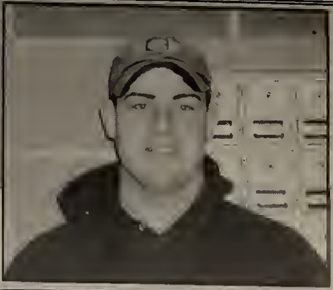
LaPierre said there may have an '80s theme this Spring Weekend. "Buy your 'Aquanet' now," she said with a laugh.

Tickets for Spring Weekend are now available at the Ely Teller Window. Tickets cost $10 for students, $10 for guests of the apartments or commuters and $28 for guests of students in the residence halls.

LaPierre said if you live in a residence hall and are planning on having a guest, buy your tickets now. The limit to the amount of guests each building may have goes as follows: the apartments and Courtney Hall can have up to 50 guests and all other halls may only have 30 guests.

But, for all of you single people out there trying to find a date for Spring Weekend, Nicole Beeker, President of the Class of 2005, said that "Singled Out" will take place on April 23. This event will take place in Dever Auditorium and tickets will cost $2 and be available at the door.

Voice of The Week



Ryan Judd

NAME: Ryan Judd

HOMETOWN: Arlington, MA

POSITION: Mr. Courtney 2002

FAMILY: Father, Mother, Sister Katie (23) Brother Frankie (18)

YEAR: 2003

MAJOR: Criminal Justice

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: The small size, and the way everyone knows each other

LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: Some policies, but other than that it's a pretty good place

HOBBIES: Playing Playstation 2, hanging out with friends

FAVORITE QUOTE: A tie between "Get Furious" and "That's Brutal"

FAVORITE FOOD: Anything from McDonalds

FAVORITE TV SHOW: Temptation Island II

PERSON YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: Rudy Giuliani

QUESTION YOU MOST WANT ANSWERED: Will the Red Sox ever win a World Series?

FUTURE DREAM CAREER: Massachusetts State Trooper, hopefully K-9

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"I HAD 3 TICKETS LAST YEAR THAT TOTALED $111. I DIDN'T DESERVE ANY OF THEM!"

JULIANNA SALVATOR
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ART

"I GOT TICKETED IN SOUTH LOT EVEN WITH A SOUTH LOT STICKER! I APPEALED IT AND WON, THOUGH. "

ATOM MAROTTE
2003
COMMUNICATIONS

Voices Overheard compiled by Tom Perron

Spring Weekend

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heard really good things about him."

In the afternoon, Splitshift, formerly known as Children of the Korn, will perform. "The difference with Splitshift now is that they produce their own originals now, as opposed to performing only cover songs from the band Korn," LaPierre said.

Berman and LaPierre pushed hard to get Splitshift on campus, LaPierre said. Splitshift is an up and coming band who has air time on WCCC-Hartford radio station and 99.3 in Springfield.

"They plan on playing most of their original songs with a few covers of Korn," LaPierre said.

On-campus students can invite a guest but need to buy their tickets quickly before the guest spots fill up, LaPierre said. Lammers, Scanlon, Davis and Dickinson Hall are allowed a maximum of 30 guests and the apartment complex and Courtney Hall are allowed a maximum of 50.

Tickets are now on sale at the Ely Teller window. The ticket price for students, guests of commuter students and guests of students living in the Apartment Complex is $10. Tickets will be sold for $28 for guests of students who live in the residence halls.

T-shirts sponsored by the Class of 2003 and made by the Graphics Design Club will be sold at the Ely Teller Window soon for $13.00.

Included in the Spring Weekend package is a steak dinner, boxed lunch and the midnight pancake breakfast. There will also be the mechanical bull, an inflatable obstacle course and a Moon Walk plus various vendors.

Pending ARB approval, the beer tent will be open from 1-5 p.m. on Saturday, said LaPierre. Only five beer tickets are allowed per person and no open containers are allowed on campus. "If open containers are spotted, the person will have to dump it," LaPierre explained.

"Hope this year's Spring Weekend is as good as the year when Naughty By Nature came two years ago," said Matt Guidi, a senior Liberal Studies major.

"I am pumped up for this year, how can you not be excited for Run DMC?," junior Scott Toomey, a member of the Campus Activities Board said.

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Fisher

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her fiancee, Robert Snipes, Jr. of Sterling, in June.

She was active on the field hockey and softball teams at WSC. Her freshman year, Fisher received the Outstanding Player Award for softball.

Director of Athletics Kenneth Magarian looked back on an important softball game in 1998 where Fisher came through for her team and school.

WSC was close to winning the first Smith Cup in 25 years, he said. "Everyone was dying because we were behind."

"Then, Phanessa gets up to the plate and hit a 2-run homer. She put the ball over the fence and that was it," he said.

"Phanessa was someone who I would say was a great representative of Westfield State, to the alumni, the future alumni and prospective students. The way she acted really was Westfield State," Magarian said.

Fisher was due to return to WSC this term, both academically and athletically. Simchak said Fisher, the softball teams' #1 pitcher and #4 batter, was peaking athletically. "She was in her prime," she said.

When Fisher was diagnosed with cancer, softball teammate Jill Easttey said, we had to tell the team what was going on. "You could tell what an impact she makes on people by seeing the faces of the freshmen that had only known her for two weeks," she said.

"They spent two weeks with her and she had friends for life. That's the type of impact she had on people," Easttey, a Graduate Assistant in Courtney Hall said.

Her player jersey, # 15, will be retired in the near future.

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> **Jill Easttey, softball teammate and friend of Phanessa**

Fisher also played for the "Undertakers" team for Clinton Women's Softball and for the league's all-star team. She was active in Girl Scouts in Sterling for 12 years and continued as an adult member. While at WSC, Fisher was a Brownie Leader in the city of Westfield.

She also held membership in the Eight Point Sportmen's Club in Sterling and was a communicant of St. Richard of Chichester Church in Sterling.

She leaves her parents, Gary A. and Mary M. (Estelle) Fisher of Sterling; a brother, Garrett K. Fisher of Sterling; a sister, Candace E. Fisher of Sterling; paternal grandparents, Raymond and Clare (Bartley) Fisher of Sterling; maternal grandparents, Arnold and Geraldine (Anderson) Estelle of Huntington; a maternal great-grandmother, Vara (Caney) Estelle of West Springfield; her fiancée, Robert Snipes, Jr. of Sterling; aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

A funeral was held last Saturday, March 23, at 11 a.m. from Miles-Sterling Funeral Home in Sterling. Burial followed in Hillside Cemetery, Sterling. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of one's choice.

WSC has lost a very involved member of this year's graduating class, President Dr. Frederick Woodward said. "Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to her family, friends and classmates."

"It's never easy to lose someone this young," Woodward said.

She was the type of person who inspired everyone she came into contact with, Easttey said. "Once you were part of her life, you were always a part of her life."

Senate Banquet to have tighter security

By Meg Canning
News Editor

Security will be tighter than ever at this year's Senate Banquet, scheduled for Friday, April 5, 6:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m., at Chez Josef in Agawam.

In order to make this evening elegant, safe and enjoyable, three safety measures will be taken. These are also listed on the campus wide memo sent out March 4.

The first measure is that Public Safety officers and Student Security will be present at the buses in front of Scanlon Hall. Students must present their ticket to get on the bus. Also, anyone who is intoxicated will not be allowed on the bus and may be subject to a Breathalyzer test and college disciplinary action and/or legal action.

Agawam Police provides the security at Chez Josef. They will be assisting with ticket collection and wristbands for students 21+. Intoxicated students will be subject to college action including but not limited to, Breathalyzer testing, protective custody, college disciplinary action and/or legal action. Violators will be brought back to campus by Public Safety or Student Security.

Lastly, students caught with an outside alcoholic beverage entering Chez Josef or during the evening will be asked to leave the Banquet and will be subject to college disciplinary action and/or legal action.

"These measures have anyways been taken, only this year they'll be taken more seriously," Co-Chair of the Senate Banquet Committee Katelin Kennedy said.

Senate Banquet tickets are $29 for students with valid ID and $14.50 for senators. They are on sale at the Ely Teller Window until April 2. In all, 950 tickets will be sold.

According to Kathryn Gelinas, Co-Chair of the Senate Banquet Committee, the event has been sold out for the past three years. "Buy your tickets before it's sold out!," she said.

After purchasing your ticket, be prepared to sign up for reserved seating, Gelinas explained in a letter to the student body sent out March 4. There are twelve seats per table.

Planning of the banquet is done by the executive and legislative secretaries of SGA with the Senate Banquet Committee, made up of two senators from each class. "The committee has all worked very well together! The banquet should be a great time," Kennedy, an Education major from Lynnfield said.

The evening begins with a social hour from 6:30 –7:30 p.m. This will consist of cheese and crackers and social conversation before dinner. The main course will be served at 7:30 p.m. Dinner is chicken parmesan with baked stuffed potato and broccoli with cheese sauce. Vegetable lasagna is also available for vegetarians but must be specified after purchasing your ticket. Oreo glace with raspberry sauce will be served for dessert.

After dinner, Club T Productions will be providing music from 9:00 p.m. to 12 a.m. A variety of popular music that fits the majority of students will be played, Gelinas said. Throughout the evening a photographer will be available at a staircase to take 5 by 7 pictures for approximately $6.00. Pictures will be available for students to take with them before leaving Chez Josef.

Students will be able to pop their pictures right into special silver frames, given as favors to every attendee. The frames are engraved with, "Westfield State College, Senate Banquet, April 5, 2002."

"I've had a memorable experience the past three years at the Senate and I'm sure this year with be even better, especially because it's our senior year," Senior Vice President Michael Rapoza said, referring to his respective class.

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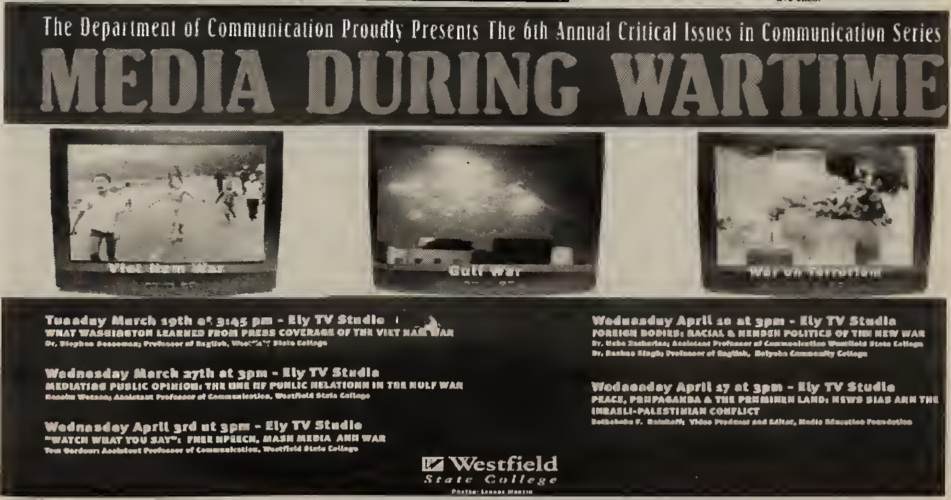
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Detainees and Disclosure

The Washington Post

Since the Sept. 11 attacks, the Bush administration's secrecy concerning those it has detained has made allegations of abuse difficult to assess. The Justice Department has refused to name those it arrested on immigration charges, and the proceedings against them have been closed. Now Amnesty International has issued a report on the detentions, which, along with press accounts alleging similar problems, raises serious questions about whether some of the detentions violated norms of civil liberty that the federal government ought to be respecting. Releasing more information about the detained would be the best way for the administration to begin to reassure Americans that its behavior has been appropriate.

Amnesty's report, based on an incomplete picture, cannot be taken as the last word on this subject. The Justice Department faces a dilemma when confronted with people who may be but probably are not extraordinarily dangerous. The fact, in other words, that many of the people detained are held on relatively minor immigration charges that might not, in a different context, warrant detention doesn't necessarily mean they should not be held. If the FBI has a reasonable basis to believe that individuals with visa problems pose a serious danger, detaining them while arranging their deportations and using that time to investigate them would seem only responsible.

But some allegations in the report are disturbing. It contends that some immigration detainees have been held for long periods without charge, which the department denies. It cites evidence that detainees' access to counsel, relatives and telephones has been impaired and that some detainees in New York are reported to be confined ``for 23 to 24 hours a day in sealed, high security cells." Unlike the detainees captured in Afghanistan, these people were arrested under domestic American law, so their treatment reflects how well our criminal and immigration systems are working under pressure. It is critical that the public have some means of evaluating allegations such as these.

The Bush administration's response is, in effect, that the public should trust it. The trouble is that without some means of independently assessing the Justice Department's behavior, trust inevitably will erode particularly if more and more people get released from detention, apparently innocent of terrorist connections and, to one degree or another, claim mistreatment by the system. The list of people still detained is shrinking; by mid-February, the 1,200 arrestees had dwindled to 327 immigration detainees. It likely has fallen farther since then, as more have been released or deported. The need to understand the conditions under which the detainees were and still are held remains urgent, however. And disclosure is the one way that can be accomplished.

Community college: a good start at a good price

Albert B. Crenshaw
The Washington Post

College acceptance season is upon us.

Across the country, millions of families will soon receive those letters bringing the joy of acceptance and the heartbreak of rejection.

But in many cases, acceptance isn't unalloyed happiness, nor does rejection mean it's all over.

For families whose kids won admission to a top state university but can't go because of the cost, and for those whose kids can't go because they didn't get in, there is an alternative to consider: two years at a community college, then a transfer to the top school.

Although there is a tendency for some parents to look down their noses at community colleges, these institutions are integral parts of state higher-education systems. While many of their alumni do go straight into the workforce indeed, thousands of others go on to earn their bachelor's degrees at major state universities.

This route is especially appealing in states such as Virginia, where competition for admission is tough and tuition levels are relatively high.

At the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, for example, tuition and fees for an in-state freshman are around $4,400, and the school figures that the year's total cost, with room, board and books, is about $12,000.

At Northern Virginia Community College, an associate's degree requires around 65 credit hours. The school this year charges $39.45 per credit hour for state residents. At that rate, the tuition for the two-year degree would work out to about $2,564 less than the tuition for a single year at Charlottesville.

Community colleges offer a young person a chance to recover from a less-than-stellar high school career.

Books, no small cost today, would be about the same at both places.

But community-college students typically live at home, which in the case of young people still residing with their parents is likely to mean a big savings. And the students may find it easier to take a part-time job to help cover expenses or save for when they transfer.

In addition to the cost savings, community colleges offer a young person a chance to recover from a less-than-stellar high school career.

Community college is ``a great avenue," said University of Virginia Associate Dean Larry Groves, who is also director of transfer admission. ``We have been enrolling between 150 and 200 community-college transfer students each year," he said.

``The community college provides an outstanding way for them to do a year or two then have a shot at U-Va., where they wouldn't have had a prayer coming out of high school," he said.

But both Groves and Max L. Bassett, dean of academic and student services at Northern Virginia Community College, cautioned that taking this route requires effort and planning.

Students hoping to transfer should follow a ``counseled program," Bassett said, meaning that they should work with one of the counselors at NVCC to take the courses that fulfill the basic course requirements of the university.

``If they go to a Virginia school, they will find they have met just about all the general education requirements, if they go see a counselor," he said.

In that case, they can expect about 60 of their credits to transfer, he added.

And they should expect to have to work hard after the transfer, Groves said.

The performance of community college transfer students has been ``mixed" at Charlottesville, he said.

``I've seen kids come here with a very strong (grade-point average) and not have the preparation to handle the work . . . particularly in math, science and languages," Groves said.

Since admission to the University of Virginia is so tough, the students there are both bright and motivated, he said. ``Community-college kids that come here find that it's a real adjustment for them. The students work harder, the faculty expects more, and it's tough.

``Still, if they are going to work hard and make the effort they can do it," he added. ``We don't see them falling flat on their faces."

Bassett said in his experience, NVCC's transfer students ``do very well." He said students transfer to schools all over the country, but many go to George Mason University ``right down the road." This is because three-quarters of NVCC's students are employed, and picking up and going to Charlottesville or Blacksburg, home of Virginia Tech, ``is not something many of them do."

And there is another factor that may boost the appeal of community colleges. Most states today are facing budget crunches, and cutting back on support for higher education. That likely means higher tuition in the near future. Community colleges won't escape, but the same percentage increase will mean fewer additional dollars than at the flagship universities.

For spring break, students choose social service over suntans

Sylvia Moreno
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON-A year ago, Melissa Drouin lay on Cancun's white sand beach, the crystalline Caribbean lapping at her toes, an unlimited supply of tropical drinks at her fingertips.

It was spring break, and with thousands of other U.S. college students, Drouin was at a beautiful Mexican seaside resort with nothing much to do except sleep, swim, drink and dance till dawn.

The University of Maine junior was back on spring break this week, but this time at a nursing home in Washington, D.C. Whether the days were gray, cold and drizzly or sunny, balmy and bright, she and 10 other students from Maine were tied to a schedule, volunteering at the home from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. for five days.

They slept in a youth hostel downtown, where they shared cooking duties. They all had signed a ``chem-free" pledge violators to be sent home at their own expense. Each had pitched in $75 in addition to raising the money to pay for this break.

They're part of a nationwide trend called ``alternative spring break," an idea born at Vanderbilt University in 1991 to promote service and heighten social awareness among college students.

The national program, Break Away, now has chapters at 62 colleges. More than 5,000 students are participating at 300 locations this year, officials said.

By the middle of her second day at the Washington Home, Drouin knew it was all worthwhile, she said.

There, in the middle of the lounge in the special care unit where those afflicted with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia live danced the woman that Drouin had spent hours with that morning. In a whisper-soft voice, the woman had fretted about some vague discomfort, which Drouin tried to ease with soothing words and some water in a plastic cup.

The conversation of the thin, stooped woman was disjointed and difficult to follow. But now she was swaying in the arms of her husband, who had come to visit. Drouin and another student were playing ``Strangers in the Night" on a boombox, planning to dance with residents as part of music therapy.

But Drouin had to leave the room.

``She had her head on his shoulder, and they were slow-dancing to Frank Sinatra. And you know that ball you get in your chest? I had to leave. I had tears going down my face," said Drouin, a nursing major. ``I'm sure she's not the same person he's known all his life, but you could see in his face how important it was to him to be here."

Before the Maine students arrived, students from the University of Michigan and the University of Florida also spent their spring breaks at the Washington Home.

``It makes such a difference with what we can do for our residents," said Lauren Feeney, the home's volunteer coordinator. ``People are saying they wish they had (the volunteers) all the time."

The week clinched Kristy Townsend's decision to apply for a neuroscience doctoral program. The 22-year-old senior, who is majoring in biochemistry, now wants to do research on Alzheimer's. But for many of her peers, who take their mental acuity, good health and physical independence for granted, the week wasn't easy.

Misty Smith, 22, a senior psychology major, decided that working with the elderly isn't for her. ``I feel drained after five minutes," she said. ``I see them at a point where they need assistance, and it's hard to see that without wanting to do something about it and I can't."

Jonathan Dunn, 19, also was brought to tears on his second day. ``I was just overcome by the fact that someone this smart is left completely dependent on others," Dunn said of a resident he talked with. ``I don't want to think how I would be in that situation."

Five other groups from the university took the alternative spring break, volunteering with terminally ill children in Florida, an AIDS hospice in New Orleans, a home for troubled boys in South Carolina, a children's literacy program in Atlanta and the Gay Men's Health Crisis Center in New York City. This was the fifth year the university has participated in the program.

``We feel it's important that our students do this. Some of the students from Maine haven't even been exposed to some of these kinds of environments, and besides, we just think that doing service for the community is important," said Mary Skaggs, director of the university's student employment and volunteer programs. ``It's not just all about school."

Afghan victims' lives are restored with artificial limbs

David Zucchino
Los Angeles Times

KABUL, Afghanistan-In the gloom of the men's ward stood Farid Aqa, hobbling on a damaged leg. At his elbow was Said Musa, a physical therapist, both legs securely planted as he led 13-year-old Farid through exercises.

The boy's left leg had been blown off by a land mine. So had the left leg of his therapist. The boy struggled to walk on a new prosthesis. The therapist walked with grace and precision on his artificial leg.

And that, essentially, is the difference between the staff and the patients at the ICRC Orthopedic Center of Kabul.

Eighty percent of the patients are land mine victims. Eighty-five percent of the staff members are amputees too, mostly because of land mine wounds that first brought them to the center.

New patients come to be fitted for prostheses, and to learn to walk and function in society as effortlessly as the therapists who teach them. Their plastic legs and arms, and their wheelchairs and crutches, are made in the center by former patients disabled or disfigured by land mines.

There they are in the dimly lighted machine shop, young men and old men missing an eye, a hand, a leg, two legs. They mold hot plastic into artificial arms and legs, fashion rubber from old Russian tanks into orthopedic shoe heels, and turn old bicycle tires into wheelchair wheels.

Their patients keep coming, dozens more every week, their limbs blown off in a country that is one of the most heavily mined in the world. The center, run by the International Committee of the Red Cross, has treated 26,000 amputees and churned out 39,000 prostheses since opening in 1988.

Dashing from room to room on two good legs, greeting staff and patients in Dari and English and a smattering of Italian, is Alberto Cairo, the center's charismatic director. Cairo, a slender Italian lawyer with a manic personality, seems to be everywhere at once, cracking jokes with the men, teasing the women, hugging the children.

Cairo is the force behind the center, having arrived in Kabul in 1990 to revitalize the operation and gradually expand it. He has survived half a dozen governments, from the communists to warring moujahedeen to the Taliban.

``No matter which regime is in power, our patients need the same kind of help," Cairo said one morning, moving between the wards in a white smock with ``Alberto" written in red marker on a piece of masking tape over the breast pocket.

It was a busy morning. In the machine shops, men bent over lathes, breathing in the sharp odor of hot plastic seeping from the ovens. Cairo spotted a big, bearded worker with a missing leg and shouted: ``Watch that one, he's al-Qaida!" The big man laughed and continued his work at the lathe, but not before threatening to smack the director with a half-completed leg.

Cairo, who says he quit his law practice to earn a degree in physical therapy, cajoles and admonishes his patients. ``I tell them to stop thinking about what they have lost," he said, ``and to think only about what is now possible."

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Without the center, many of the amputees would have been left by family members to sit alone at home day and night, or to crawl in the street to beg. Cairo searches the streets for amputee beggars, hauling them in for prostheses and therapy. Sometimes he spots them months later, back to begging, their artificial legs carefully hidden away.

Since 1995, the center has extended its services beyond land mine victims to assist all disabled people those with polio, spinal injuries, birth defects, cerebral palsy, and victims of falls and car accidents. Men and women are admitted equally.

The center also trains teachers who provide home lessons to amputee children. About 35 percent of the country's land mine victims are children younger than 14, Cairo said.

Outside the men's therapeutic ward, Cairo stood watching as men and boys with missing legs and feet learned to walk with prostheses. It was difficult work. They had to walk on concrete, up a stairway, across a wooden platform, down a muddy dirt path and, worst of all, along a pathway of stones and pebbles. Many of the amputees stumbled or fell, but the therapists caught them, bracing themselves on their own prostheses.

Nearby were two bicycle frames with the wheels raised. There, the amputees learn to ride bicycles, the most common form of transportation in Kabul, the Afghan capital.

Inside, the floor of the men's ward was littered with artificial legs. The patients had put them aside as they rested on benches, raising the stumps of their legs to warm them beside kerosene stoves glowing in the chilly room.

There was Abdul Wasay, a boy of 13 who looked no older than 10, whose legs were blown off by a land mine near the Kabul airport. Next to him was Said Mirza Ali, a bony man of 65 who was twice cursed. He had lost three fingers and a thumb to a Russian mine 16 years ago, he said. And last year, he said, he was shot by the Taliban in northern Afghanistan and had his wounded leg amputated after an agonizing nine-hour car ride to a hospital in Kabul.

Outside the women's ward was Sahar Gul, a 2-year-old wearing a red dress. Her legs withered by polio, she took tiny steps with specially made mini-crutches and leg braces from the center, her father supporting her as she inched across the walkway.

Inside was therapist Monira Habibmansour, a dark-haired woman of 28, who walked with scarcely a limp on a prosthesis that had replaced the leg she lost to a land mine in Kabul. Next to her was Farzana Hashimi, 20, a young woman whose left leg was sheared off below the knee when she stepped on a mine while walking to visit a relative.

On and on the amputees walked, 250 to 300 of them in all, up and back, up and back, their therapists beside them. Their shoes on their artificial feet and their natural feet went slap, slap, slap against the concrete floors.

``Some say this is such a sad place," Cairo said, watching them come and go in the shadows of the ward. ``I say, no, no, this is a very, very happy place. This is where life begins again."

Austere church is sanctuary, gathering place

Pamela Constable
The Washington Post

KABUL, Afghanistan-For the past decade, the austere, imposing white church has stood one block from the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, a sanctuary and gathering place for the small Protestant community in the capital of Muslim Pakistan.

Located in the city's heavily guarded diplomatic enclave, on a road blocked by barricades and by the embassy's Pakistani security guards, the Protestant International Church seemed impregnable until Sunday, when assailants burst into the Sunday morning service and tossed grenades into the congregation, leaving five people dead and 45 wounded.

``It was wonderful to have a place where we could worship freely, especially during Christmas and Easter, when we sometimes felt we were in a real vacuum," said Marlene Georgia, an English teacher from Wisconsin, who has attended the church for eight years and whose husband Stewart is its vice president.

The congregation was small but diverse, with diplomats, teachers, missionaries and professionals from a dozen countries. Weekly services were held in Korean, Urdu and two Afghan dialects as well as English, and visiting pastors from as far as Australia preached on recent Sundays.

In ordinary times, the church provided an unpretentious, close-knit religious environment, with an upright piano substituting for an organ, coffee and tea served after Sunday worship, and members often meeting in one another's homes for lunch afterward.

In recent months, however, the crisis in next-door Afghanistan has had an increasingly direct and dramatic impact on the congregation. A number of members taught English to Afghan refugees in Pakistan, many of whom had fled the hardships of life under Kabul's extremist Islamic Taliban rulers.

Last summer, when two young U.S. aid workers were imprisoned by Taliban authorities in Kabul on charges of proselytizing, several of their relatives moved to Islamabad to be closer to their daughters, staying with church members and attending services there.

After the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the congregation of perhaps 150 dwindled, as many American and European members were sent home as a safety precaution by their governments or employers. The Americans who remained found comfort in banding together.

Pakistan is a relatively tolerant Muslim society, however, and many cities have churches and schools run by Protestant and Roman Catholic groups.

``What happened that day made us all think about how temporal life is, how there is more that matters than the material world," said Winnie Ritchie, a retired teacher and volunteer worker from Chicago who was in church Sunday but unharmed.

Ritchie was indirectly linked to one of the more bizarre and tragic episodes of the Taliban's final days. Her son James, a wealthy Chicago businessman with a crusading bent, helped finance an ill-fated mission by Abdul Haq, an Afghan exile leader living in Pakistan who was caught and killed in Afghanistan Oct. 26 while trying to drum up anti-Taliban support.

Although Protestant International Church had not been a target of violence until Sunday, members had become increasingly alarmed by anti-Christian threats from extremist Islamic groups in Pakistan, which threatened to retaliate against Christians for the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan. In-mid October, unidentified gunmen attacked a church in the Pakistani city of Bawahalpur, killing 15 people.

Pakistan is a relatively tolerant Muslim society, however, and many cities have churches and schools run by Protestant and Roman Catholic groups. A handful of Pakistanis attend the Islamabad church, and its director, Pakistani doctor Christy Munir, was badly injured in Sunday's attack.

The attack damaged the church's sanctuary, shattering its windows and sending a large chandelier crashing onto the congregation. Several members said they felt vulnerable but reassured by an outpouring of sympathy and support from Pakistanis.

``I was lying in the hospital with shrapnel wounds in my leg, when a man with a turban and beard came over. He touched me kindly and offered me juice," said Elizabeth Mundhenk, 62, an English teacher from Germany. ``It was a terrible ordeal, but there were some beautiful scenes at that hospital."

Other members, however, said they doubted the church would ever fully recover. Protestant International has had no permanent pastor for months, and the 10-year-old building is now virtually unusable. The annual sunrise Easter service in the nearby Margalla Hills may be canceled, members said.

``The church is in ruins, and we don't have any leader," said Georgia, who escaped the attack because she and some of her fellow English teachers were at a retreat in nearby Murree. ``We don't understand why this happened, but we still believe God is good and in control. We just feel deep sadness at this terrible evil."

Kevin's Korner

I recently visited Jester's Cafe in Westfield. It's a good place to go for music, poetry, and food. This combination isn't likely to be found anywhere else in Westfeld. Granted, this sort of thing isn't popular on campus here, but it's nice to have an alternative.

KEVIN HEATON

Bill Moyers recently did a report on PBS about a Pakistani man, who has lived in the US for thirteen years, and has a wife and children. After September 11th, he was arrested. The FBI's reasoning was the fact that he didn't make a delivery for his company to Washington, D.C. on the morning of September 11th. Six months later, he remains in jail, without due process.

Sadly, this isn't an isolated case. Nearly twelve hundred Middle Eastern men have been rounded up and kept in custody. In December, Ashcroft defended his decision to keep the names of those arrested and their charges secret, citing privacy laws. However, many of them are not given legal rights to legal counsel and a speedy trial. The ACLU reports on its website that the Patriot Act allows the indefinite detention of immigrants.

Newsday cited a report by Amnesty International, in its March 15th issue, that detainees have endured heavy shackling, solitary confinement, limited contact with their families, and denial of the right to challenge their incarcerations. William Schulz, Executive Director of Amnesty International USA, commented on the treatment of forty detainees at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn. "The government's treatment of these individuals is simply unacceptable and is a violation of international law. Their treatment is in many instances a violation of the standards set by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service itself."

Bill Moyers remembered that even when Nazi bombs were falling on London, basic democratic rights were not curtailed. This should be an example for Bush and Ashcroft. ACLU Executive Director Anthony D. Romero commented, "We believe that every proposal to restrict liberty should be made to pass a 'necessary and defensible' test. We need to ask ourselves if the restriction is necessary, will it, for example, actually increase our security, and is it defensible, will the increased benefit to security outweigh the cost to constitutional guarantees of procedural fairness, free speech and privacy."

K. Heaton is a Voice columnist

Life (according to me).

Y'know, I was always under the impression that at college, you were supposed to take classes that sound interesting, experience new things, and explore all of the many wonderful opportunities to learn that are available only in such a setting.

JON SEWELL

Man, was I way off or what?

I hiked on over to my mailbox a while back, expecting to find the usual; y'know, bills, eighteen or nineteen notices about an event two weeks past, and my apartment's monthly barrage of Glamour, Jane, and Mademoiselle (yeah, I know...don't ask, because I have no idea...they just come, and I've stopped trying to figure out why).

Unfortunately, in addition to the magazines and bills, I received a nice fresh bill of around fifteen hundred dollars from the business office. As I read the accompanying letter, I think I became as dismayed as I ever have been in my time here.

> **I guess the moral here is that we should do the absolute minimum that's required of us, never trying our hand at anything new.**

Okay, I'm sure you all know about the whole 120 credits needed to graduate. What you may not know is that there's apparently a cap, so to speak, on how much you're allowed to learn. In my extended tour of duty here, I've accumulated somewhere around 145 credits. According to this letter I received, any credits earned over 140 are charged an additional fee. For taking classes that have nothing to do with my major or core, classes that simply caught my eye when flipping through the course book, I was charged around $1500.

See, here's the thing: I've already PAID to be here an extra year. Aren't I allowed to take up to 18 credits a semester? Granted, I wouldn't want to be this busy every semester, but the point is, I'm ALLOWED to take them. 18 credits every semester for 8 semesters is 144. Plus, I've paid for an extra year. Now, I'm no math major, but it seems to me that I should be allowed to take AT LEAST (if I were nuts, but that's hardly the point...) 180 credits.

This frustrates me on any number of levels. Believe it or not, I don't feel the actual charge is the worst part. Rather, it's what the charge implies. I've taken several courses simply because, egad, I like to learn. Economics? Sure didn't need that one, but I figured it was a handy bit of knowledge to know. Special Topics in Film, and Stagecraft and Design? Thought they sounded like fun. Studies in Satire? Hey, I like intelligent writing.

The point is, I feel like I'm being punished for wanting to learn, which seems somewhat contradictory to the whole concept of college. I've been trying to figure out the rationale behind this policy for a couple weeks now, and I simply can't find one valid point for it. I guess the moral here is that we should do the absolute minimum that's required of us, never trying our hand at anything new.

I've done Orientation for the last few summers, and I've always encouraged my students to not panic over their major, and instead take classes that just sound fun. Now I regret ever telling them that. I should have told them to stick only to major and core classes, unless they wanted to end up with a hefty charge at the end of their time here. How sad is that?

Finally, I'm annoyed with the fact that I'm only learning about this charge now. In my five years here, I've never heard of it before. Neither has anyone else I've spoken to about it, including a long-time employees of the college. I wonder why I was only told about this charge now, just a couple months before graduation?

In defense of the school, I was told that I'm able to write a letter of appeal. I kinda wonder if ranting about this in the paper will hurt my chances. Oh well, I just thought y'all should know about this ridiculous policy.

All right, I'm gonna go now, and maybe read a book or something. Y'know, just for kicks. With any luck, I won't be slapped with a fifty dollar fine for doing so.

See ya next week.

J. Sewell is a Voice columnist

Get Fit, Stay Fit

ADD WEIGHT, FEEL GREAT!

Would you like to burn more calories without doing more work? Are you thinking that it can't be done? All you have to do is build some muscle through a strength training program. One pound of muscle will burn 50 calories even while a person is sleeping. Therefore, the more muscle a person has, the more calories they will burn. It is that simple. And that is not the only benefit of strength training. It can also prevent muscle and bone loss, reduce the risk of injury on the joints during exercise and also improve athletic performance. Weight training will also help to lower resting blood pressure. More and more people today are now experiencing these benefits because they began a strength training program.

So, are you ready to start weight training? Here are a few tips to make the most out of your workout. First, be sure to start out using weights that may seem too light. This will allow you to learn proper technique and reduce the risk of injury. You also want to remember to progress gradually. Injury and soreness can occur if too much weight or too many repetitions are added before the body is ready. When the exercise becomes easy then you should increase the amount of weight or repetitions.

Secondly, remember to breathe correctly. A beginner has a tendency to hold his or her breath when lifting, which could potentially cause an increase in blood pressure or cramping. On the other hand, by breathing correctly you are helping to build the muscle. The proper way to breathe would be to exhale when you lift the weight and inhale when you lower it, or "exhale on effort".

Next, remember to work larger muscle groups before the smaller ones. Work on one muscle group and then its opposite muscle group. For example, if you work the biceps you would also want to work the triceps. It is also important to work slowly when strength training. Fast movements will do less toning and may even cause injury. Between sets of an exercise program it is important to rest for about 1-2 minutes. This allows the energy in the muscle to restore for the next set. You may become exhausted before your workout is complete if you do not rest in between sets. 30 seconds is an adequate amount of time to rest in between working different muscle groups.

Lastly, it is very important to warm up and cool down with any strength training program. A muscle that has been warmed up and stretched will perform better than one that has not. Injury is also less likely to occur if the muscle has been warmed up. Cooling down after your workout will prevent light-headedness, fainting, or delayed onset muscle soreness.

We have all heard some of the myths associated with strength training and it is time we learn the truth. To begin, women will not become more masculine looking from performing a strength training routine. Most women will not be able to develop large muscles the way that men do, therefore they will not bulk up as much. Another misleading notion is that it takes two hours to complete a weight training routine. This is usually not true for the average lifter. As a beginner it should take only 30 -45 minutes to complete the routine. It is also not true that you will lose flexibility if you start weight training. The only way this could happen is if you train improperly.

Now that you have learned some guidelines to help with strength training; the only step left is making your way to the gym and starting a program. These tips will help make your strength training program more successful and fun.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Campus Voice,

Over the past few weeks I have read and heard many students' concerns regarding campus financial issues. As a well-informed student and member of the Student Government Association, I feel it necessary to try and clarify any misconceptions and hearsay regarding our campus.

On the issue of the college's financial situation there are several areas that I would like to clarify. When money is designated for one project it must be used for that project. The college cannot take money designated for one task and use it to pay for something totally different. For instance, the money that will be used to build the new Academic Athletic Facility is partially funded by the state and partially through through a loan. The Academic Athletic Facility will cost approximately $15 million. Of that the State will contribute roughly $5 million. The college has been working that part out with the state over the last three years, long before the recession we are currently in. The remaining $10 million is from a bond through Fleet bank that the college must pay back over a designated time. The college, in effect, is taking out a loan to build the new facility.

In regards to the elevator projects throughout campus, they are paid for almost exclusively out of the college's annual operating budget. Of that budget roughly 85% pays for staff. The remaining money is then mandated by the state for certain appropriations. Once again, the college has limited discretion on where that money may be spent. What we are experiencing now, due to the statewide budget cuts, is inaccessibility to raise the necessary funds to build those elevators in the originally stated time frame. Unfortunately, it is not possible to simply switch funds from the field house account to fund an elevator.

Moving along, we now come to the prospect of a new residence hall. When this facility is constructed, little if any money will come from the state to fund that. The estimated $25 million for that will have to be funded almost solely by Westfield State College. The college cannot simply take bonded field house funds to defray the cost of an elevator.

In terms of the college's financial situations, I will again give summation. The money for the field house is partially funded by the state; the rest of the costs are from a bonded bank loan. The elevator and other construction projects to enhance the college are paid almost in full by the college; the state offers virtually no financial assistance. And last the new Residence Hall will also be almost solely college funded, with some assistance coming from the state Building Authority. I reiterate that money cannot be switched from one account to another.

Next I constantly hear rumors of the administration not backing the faculty. I assure all reading that this is not the case. In the short time that President Woodward has been at Westfield State, he and others have worked diligently to back our professors. Members of the administration are constantly going to speak with members of the state legislature as well as members of the Board of Higher Education. When issues regarding paying the teachers new contracts came up, our college administration did indeed work to get the problems resolved. Suggestions that the college use other monies to pay the faculty are erroneous. Once again the contracts, which have been since funded, were paid by a supplemental state budget. It would have been impossible to take the necessary monies from some other account.

In terms of the operating budget for fiscal years 2002 and 2003, they are not complete. Yes, higher education has received major budget cuts. And yes, they will adversely effect the college. However, there is still time left to petition that no more monies be cut. On April 2, several other students, President Woodward, Mr. Barry Maloney, and myself will travel to the State House in an effort to explain to legislators why our budgets should no longer be cut. In the mean time all of us as students can play a role to help this process. Write your local congressman and state Senator.

Inform them that as a student at a state college you would like to see the budget cuts stop. As students and citizens we are the future of this state as well as concerned voter-constituents. It is very important that our representatives and senators know this.

In closing I hope this information will prove helpful to any and all concerned students. Any questions can be addressed to the Student Government Association at x5429. Thank you for your time.

Shane Eldredge
President, SGA

Dear Campus Voice:

I am writing in response to Jeff Eagan's letter to the editor on March 4. As the student in charge of Spring Weekend, I was appalled at Eagan's completely unresearched accusations. First of all, the figure mentioned in the Campus Voice about Ja-Rule being $25,000 was a figure from LAST year. Naturally, with the number of hits he has had over the past year, that price would skyrocket. .

Secondly, even if the school had enough money to pay Ja-Rule to perform during Spring Weekend, he wouldn't come now because of our small venue. Ja-Rule performs at sold-out stadiums across the country with tens of thousands of people that pay $100 a ticket. Why on earth would he settle for 1,500 students on Ely Hill?

I doubt that Mr. Eagan is aware of the attendance cap of 1,700 people for Spring Weekend, due to health and safety codes. As much as I would love to see 2,500 students at a concert that I spent months putting together, it just isn't going to happen.

I also doubt that Mr. Eagan is aware of the fact that funds for Spring Weekend and the funds for a new shuttle bus are totally different and have NOTHING to do with each other. A shuttle bus serves as a means for students to get from South Lot to their residence. Without it, the safety on campus would be in jeopardy. Spring Weekend serves as a weekend of entertainment. There's clearly a difference.

Ja-Rule may have hit after hit nowadays, but put all of his "mainstream" hits together and you probably have about 30 minutes of music. Most reputable performers do at least 90 minute sets. Therefore, not all the songs will be gems like "Put It On Me". One must also take into account that if it weren't for Jennifer Lopez and other artists collaborating with Ja-Rule, he wouldn't be the MTV poster child that he is. Somehow I don't think that Jennifer Lopez comes on tour with Ja-Rule. I suggest to Mr. Eagan that he check his facts the next time he decides to talk about something he knows nothing about. If he feels that Run DMC is a waste of money and a waste of time to go see, then he doesn't have to come.

Angela LaPierre
Vice President of Programming, SGA

Andrea was her name

I want to run eight miles in under an hour. I know that sounds strange. But it's something that I haven't done in a long time.

Things have happened, lives have been lived. I have been a car salesman, tour guide in Washington DC, legislative aide to a State Representative, a candidate for the US Congress, a special education teacher and now, again, a college student.

It was when I was a student for the first time that I met her. There I was, sitting in the restaurant when she walked in. She had shoulder length black hair and blue-green eyes. Her hair was wet and she was wearing a gray UMass athletics shirt, black wind pants and Adidas running shoes. I was taken by her, but as Charles Dickens wrote in Hard Times, "Dream or reality, he had no power to stir or to speak, if this be a dream, wake Rachael wake." I couldn't speak to her, I was too nervous.

I got her name though, Andrea, and her e-mail address and started conversing with her. I told her that I worked in the restaurant and that I had seen her from afar. When we finally met again after several e-mails, once again, I could not speak.

I looked in the mirror and said, wow, you are not just boring, you are fat. So I stopped my drinking, or at least slowed it down and went out for the crew team. It was hard. I couldn't run 50 feet without stopping.

In March and a week before Spring Break all the first year or novice rowers get beaten on by the varsity rowers, it's known as Hell Day. Days before the event took place, I found out some interesting news: Andrea wasn't just a swimmer, but she was a rower. I thought to myself, this is destiny.

The night of Hell Day they held the Crew Banquet and all the rowers, both women and men, were there. I spoke to Andrea at the crew house, but not about anything important and I didn't ask her out.

I made it through Hell Day and in a matter of a couple months I went from being the fattest and worst person on the team to being in a spot to challenge for a seat in a boat. I had told some of the people on the team of my motivation and how I was able to keep pushing myself. It was all part of my desire to impress her, to impress Andrea. It was around this time I earned the nickname Sketchy Joe, though I take some measure of comfort in the fact that one of my teammates shared a similar distinction, being known as Crazy Joe (though, looking back, I guess he was much cooler than I was anyway).

The last week of school I started to run to the boathouse, I was beaten in a seat race and lost my chance to race at New England and Champions regattas. My lightweight boat won gold. I should have been in that boat.

I took the shirt I had won for Hell Day and gave it to Andrea. I ran eight miles from UMass to the Northampton Boathouse in under an hour.

I moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan, with the plan of going to law school and racing at the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta. I also hoped to get better at rowing and maybe even go back to UMass to row. I made to the Henley, but wasn't able to race.

Living at the University of Michigan was great and I loved it there, but I wanted to go home for some reason. It was a mistake, but I did it, I moved home, and moved on.

I may never go to law school, run for Congress, be a car salesman, row at the Canadian Henley, or go back to Ann Arbor and I will never see Andrea again, but no matter what, I want to run eight miles in under an hour before the end of the school year.

J. Fountain is a Voice reporter

Dear Editor,

Hello, my name is Chris Pineo I am currently the Public Relations, Media intern for MASSPIRG Student Chapters. I am writing in this capacity right now to share news of a tremendous victory for MASSPIRG. Last Thursday the state senate passed Bill S.1109, The Public Lands Preservation Act.

This happened a few weeks after a major lobbying effort staged in Boston, organized by MASSPIRG on February 22nd. One's initial reaction might be, "So what? That has nothing to do with me." Well, my primary purpose for writing this is to dissuade people from this kind of attitude.

This event does effect you, because this is not a victory only for one organization. This represents a greater victory part of the central purpose of MASSPIRG. This is a victory of public interests over private interest. If you are a resident of this state you should be proud and optimistic because of this. This shows the power we as a free people have to stand up for our rights and secure something that is rightfully ours. Our taxes pay for that land. Public land where we can walk our pets, spend time with our friends and loved ones, or just get away and relax is part of what makes this a great state to live in.

You see, I was there at the statehouse on February 22nd. I saw what was accomplished. A large group of college students and young people from around the state assembled to defend their rights. We came urging the senators to make the right choice. We had come bearing cake. We came as friends, inviting them to eat cake and be merry. But on some level we where fed up and where there to defend our rights. We came seeking their support against our enemies, corporate greed mongers who would take away land from the public.

Well, so what? What is the point here? The point is that the government is not the enemy of the people as the X-Files would have you believe. Politicians are generally not interested in clashing with public interest. If a decent amount of people show their support of a given position politicians can generally be persuaded.

For example, we are now approaching the anniversary of the Valdez Oil spill. George W. Bush is in favor of oil drilling in the Arctic Wild Life Preserve. If people are opposed to this and make a big enough noise the Arctic Wild Life Preserve, can be, well preserved. If we all sit here and do nothing, well George might assume that the American people are in support of this. All that has to happen is that people get involved, write a senator, call a representative, hey maybe leave G.W. a voice mail. No matter what your political views if you act and make yourself heard you have at least exercised your rights. If that doesn't work find others like minded and have them call or write. A loud enough voice cannot be silenced.

Chris Pineo
MassPIRG Media Intern

A Mile In My Shoes

Many things have happened since the last edition of The Campus Voice, March 4. The two that stand out in my mind are Spring Break, obviously, and CBS's documentary on 9-11, aired March 10.

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If you were away or at home this break and clicked to CBS for a few seconds, you were hooked. Never seen before footage, entitled "9/11," was aired the night before the six month anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

About 31 million viewers were glued to the television. The New York Times called it, "An important, firsthand piece of history…amazing to watch."

The film was initially about the experience of a new probationary firefighter but turned into a very close look at the attacks from inside the World Trade Center and on the streets of Lower Manhattan.

Filmmakers Jules and Gedeon Naudet and James Hanlon took you inside the life of 21-year-old Tony Benetatos, a "probi" at the Duane St. Firehouse. Then they took you into the terror and uncertainty of a fireman's world on September 11.

The program was moving, to say the least. But it was also very upsetting. I sat in the living room, mesmerized by the TV, with three generations beside me.

My grandparents had been through WWII. My Gramp was in the Army, stationed in the Philippines. My Mom grew up with the Vietnam War. I felt like the war against terrorists was my generations' war. I felt guilty they had to go through something so horrible again.

My Mom turned away and I flinched every time we heard a loud thump. The film maker explained that the noises were people jumping from the tower. I heard at least 14 thumps.

While I watched the firefighters I mistakenly became angry, watching them stand around and not do anything. But in fact, the best thing they could have done was exactly what they did, remained calm. They directed employees out of the building and saved lives.

The big question is, "Was the program aired too soon?" Of course, everyone feels differently. One woman who lost her husband said her wounds are still raw and it was far too soon. Yet another teenager whose uncle was killed said the documentary was a good thing. People got a closer look at the firefighters' heroism, she said.

I, personally, don't think the footage was aired too soon. But I probably would feel differently if I had lost someone close to me. Also I'm a Communication major with a concentration in Journalism. We Comm. majors are ruthless!

To look up "9/11," go to www.CBS.com then scroll down to movies and specials on the box to the top right.

At the end, host Robert DeNiro urged viewers to donate to one of the three Uniformed Firefighters Association of Greater New York Funds; The Widows' and Children's Fund, The Thomas R. Elsassen Fund and the Scholarship Fund. Making a donation is easy and tax-deductible. Choosing a fund is the hard part.

The Widows' and Children's Fund supports the families of firefighters killed in the line of duty September 11, 2001. The Thomas R. Elsassen Fund helps support families of firefighters who died in the non-line of duty due to accident or illness. The Scholarship Fund helps families of all firefighters, active and deceased, with the costs of college.

All donations can be mailed to 204 East 23rd St., New York, NY 10010. Please specify which fund your gift is for on the envelope. Donations can be made on the Internet or by wire transfer also.

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Mr. Nice Guy

"I can't just go around watching movies and eating pizza with you. And you can't just waltz in here with your movies and your pizza… Lookin' all cute… unless. . . unless you really mean it." -Jason Biggs in 'Loser'

SCOTT TOOMEY

Ok so when I was a youngin' I did the same thing that most of you probably did too. I went home after school, grabbed a Sprite and some Little Debbie Swiss Cake Rolls, plopped myself down in front of the TV and watched perhaps the greatest teen oriented sitcom ever created: "When I wake up in the morning, the alarm gives out a warning, I don't think I'll ever make it on time." I don't think I need to recite anymore lyrics from the theme song.

I'm sure you all know which show I'm talking about. Saved By The Bell. Word to your motha! Can any of you explain why you actually watched it though? I mean when you think about it, the show was really horrible. At some point during every episode, you'd get enough sense to think, "Why the bell am I watching this?" But you couldn't turn it off. After just a few minutes, you were sucked in by the sheer stupidity of the plots, and the complete absurdity of the stereotypes. No one knows why they watched it, yet it seems everybody did. No one cared how bad it was.

Let's talk about the stereotypical characters first. Your stereotypes in Saved By The Bell were so blatantly obvious. Let's run down the list. Zack Morris was your preppy school heart throb that did and got away with everything. Kelly Kapowski was the gorgeous, ditsy cheerleader that everyone loved. Jessie Spano was your pretty girl next door who also happened to be real book smart. A.C. Slater was your buff jock character. Lisa Turtle was your African American equivalent of Kelly who loved to shop and spend money. Samuel 'Screech' Powers was your fun loving geek and Mr. Richard Belding was the bumbling principal. Text book characters for an adolescent target audience sitcom.

Here are some of my favorite random memories of the show. One thing I never understood was how Bayside High went from being a junior high school in Indiana during the first few seasons to a high school in Southern California without changing a thing. Same building, same students, same principal and most of the same teachers. Weird.

I always wished that I had a place like The Max to hang out at after school. I always had to go home.

How many of you cried when Zack and Kelly broke up at the Bayside costume ball? And she broke up with him for that jerk Jeff. I'm sorry, but how cool can you be if your 20/21 and managing a place like The Max? Oh wait, and messing with a girl who's only a sophomore or junior in high school. Sounds like someone needs to get a life. And yeah, I got a little misty during the last 'Malibu Sands' episode when Stacy Carosi was leaving to go back home. That was a real tear-jerker too. And Zack and Kelly getting back together at Jessie's dad's remarriage was classic.

They definitely tried to recreate the success of the original series with some spinoffs. Saved By The Bell: The College Years totally sucked and only lasted one season I think. Saved By The Bell: The New Class, lasted 5 seasons though and a few high points include guest appearances by Mark-Paul Gosselar and Mario Lopez reprising their roles and Zack and Slater for one episode. And of course it was totally rad when the new class used the same school graduation song that Zack's class did. That was a real nice touch. I'm embarrassed to say that I know all the words to that song. But I'm sure that some of you do too.

Here are my top ten favorite episodes in no particular order: 1) Rod Belding (Mr. B's hip younger bro;) 2) Save The Max Telethon; 3) Malibu Sands Volleyball Tourney; 4) Johnny Dakota (There's no hope with dope); 5) Jessie's An Addict (Caffeine pills); 6) Graduation Day (Zack makes a speech); 7) Drinking And Driving; 8) Trapped In The Bayside Mall; 9) Zack Gets Knee Surgery; 10) Screech's Spaghetti Sauce (Punky Brewster guest stars as Robin)

One love. Peace.

Movie Of The Week: In The Bedroom

S. Toomey is a Voice columnist

What You Will

To the outside observer, Sara's daily morning routine seemed like that of any typical fourteen-year-old girl. Each day she would stumble out of bed, throw her bathrobe on, and shuffle off to the bathroom. With the water running and the steam distorting the images in the mirror, Sara would finally allow herself to take of the robe and expose the body lying underneath. With the reflection of her body altered in the mirror, Sara could almost convince herself that she was acceptable.

KRISTIN LOIKO

Then she would look down at the curve of her stomach, the roundness above her hips, the dimples in her thighs, and tears would well up in her eyes. All she could see was fat. She couldn't see the bony elbows, the outlined ribs, the deep bags under her eyes. The disease was too powerful.

Sara was just one of the many of the million girls in the United States who fell prey to eating disorders. She was once a healthy girl. She loved to play sports, spend time with friends, and do typical pre-teenage things. As her body began to change, so did her life. Sara found it harder to be good at the sports that once came so easily to her. She was confused and ashamed of not being able to achieve what she had come to expect of herself.

Not wanting to disappoint anyone, Sara desperately looked around her for help. That was when she overheard a teammate, a few years older than herself, lament that if she could lose just a few pounds, then maybe she would be better. Something in Sara's mind clicked, and she realized what she could do. By dieting diligently, the pounds puberty had brought on soon fell off. Not yet satisfied, Sara began to diet even more. She knew all about eating disorders and swore to herself that she did not have one. In her mind, she knew what she was doing. She thought it best, however, to keep her weight loss goals to herself, so that others would unnecessarily interfere.

Sara soon became obsessed with dieting. She counted every calorie that went into her mouth. She stopped eating food that wasn't prepared by herself, for fear that others were secretly trying to make her fat. With food intake at a major low, the weight stopped coming off. Sara's metabolism was slowing down, making it harder for her to continue to lose weight. Desperate, she began increasing her workouts. She began to run before and after practices, and would do crunches up in her room until her stomach was so cramped that she was in tears. Her friends and family, concerned that Sara was sick, frequently questioned her actions. She always had a quick and reassuring response that quelled their concerns. Inside however, Sara was falling apart.

Sara judged her self-worth by the numbers on the scale and the size of her jeans. Her grades slipped a bit as she found it increasingly difficult to focus on anything. She constantly thought of food and exercising. As she sat, she imagined that she could feel calories pasting themselves on her hips.

Not wanting her friends and family to find out about her actions, she ate whenever they were around. She then prayed for help over the toilet with her finger stuck far down her throat. Exercise became her release. She felt euphoric as she sweated off calories. In her mind, she did not have an eating disorder. She ate, so she was not anorexic. She had tried to make herself throw up, but it never worked, so she was not bulimic. What Sara didn't know was that she was suffering from obsessive exercise compulsion. Sufferers of this disorder purge through exercise and often possess traits associated with anorexia or bulimia.

Sara's story got worse before it got better. She experienced dizzy spells, blackouts, and extreme weakness. Friends finally convinced her to see a specialist, but it didn't do much good. Sara herself wasn't mentally ready to admit that she needed help. She couldn't see the damage she was doing to herself; she only saw fat.

Eventually though, Sara was able to come to the realization that she was hurting herself. She let her friends in close to her, and was able to reveal the anguish she had been through for so long. With their support, she started to take care of her body again. Years later, she still continues to battle with self-negativity towards her body. There are times when she slips back into old routines, but she is no longer alone in her battle. Her closest and most trusted friends are there for her. The psychological effects of eating disorders can be intense. The sooner an individual, be it male or female, gets help, the better off that person will be. Someone you know shows signs of an eating disorder, for Sara's sake, convince him or her to get help.

K. Loiko is a Voice columnist

Haiku Tunnel and Super Troopers: satire and slapstick

By Amy Geeleher
Voice Reporter

There are some things in the movie world that you have to know right now. If you believe with all your heart that Britney Spears is more than a cute little puppy mascot heading a multinational, multimillion dollar enterprise, bombarding country after country in nauseating amounts of bare-skin, then you might not be able to recognize that the movie she has appeared in is just a rehashed, revamped plot filtered through a soundtrack she promotes just to compete against pop-star look alike Mandy Moore.

Hollywood is not creative and is not meant to be. And that is why Haiku Tunnel and Super Troopers were either not shown in theatres or relegated to a second-rate flick with humor in the likeness of American Pie (respectively described.)

I tell 'em how I see 'em. These were possibly the best movies I have seen for a multitude of reasons. I will outline these reasons in the following paragraphs in flawless literary kung-fu, Crouching Tiger style, for those with Hollywood handicaps.

I use a five point scale like many other movie critics because frankly, with thumbs up or down, you only have three options at best, which is not suffice in a country that pretends to be a democracy (where are the options these days?).

Haiku Tunnel, (indie film) directed by Josh and Jacob Kornbluth, is a story about a man who is an office temp still trying to keep his personal dreams in check in a world that seeks to crush and dismantle them in the name of a forty-hour work week.

When I first picked this movie, I was scared that it would be an Asian porno with multiple lesbian geishas. Contrary to my prejudiced beliefs, the sex scenes were tasteful and essential to the very fabric of the tale. Actually there was no sex or Asian people, as the title refers to the company.

The temp's current employer is the equivalent of his majesty Lord Satan, and asks him to type and mail out an unholy amount of letters that had been voice recorded.

Needless to say, our hero fails to do so by way of some coercive and scary-intimidating office perms that ask him to join in their painting the town red. The way Josh (oh yeah, the director plays himself in this movie and sports a mullet to boot...ever catch Britney do that?) solves his mounting dilemma is clever, funny and insane enough to scare you out of corporate America's realm forever.

Office work proves to be a dream for the broken hearted, naïve, passive passer-byers in this movie. It's pretty reflective of reality!

Super Troopers, directed by Jay Chandrasekhar (he's Asian!) and performed by the comedy troupe, Broken Lizard. This movie gets all five stars because it does not try to be satirical or socially moving in anyway. It revels in its sophomoric humor and is not overpowered by beautiful C-level entertainers present in most comedies/spoofs/parodies. This movie is not in my opinion any of those.

SUPER TROOPERS
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The hilarious cops of Super Troopers.

The story is one of war between two opposing police units, fighting for funds in an age of recession and cutbacks. (Sound familiar? Wait, where are we again? Oh yeah, we're in Massachusetts' continually dismembering state college, see how our state ranks in terms of cutbacks.)

The troopers are a tight bunch, who have syrup chugging contests (how cool is that/), play tricks on unassuming speeders, and generally have fun on the job.

I can't describe how great this movie is, how it will revolutionize your impression of the art that is film by reiterating how funny drunk guys can get when they should be the upstanders of the law.

Ice Age is for children of all ages...young and old

By Jessica Norden
Assistant A&E Editor

If you put a mammoth, a sloth, a saber tooth tiger, and a baby together in a situation, what do you think the outcome would be?

Definitely not what you would normally think, but in the animated movie "Ice Age" things are not what they seem.

After the majority of animals have started migrating to avoid the approaching ice age, Manfred the Mammoth, a quiet loner, encounters Sid the Sloth, a loud mouthed, chatterbox after unintentionally rescuing him from a pair of rhinoceros.

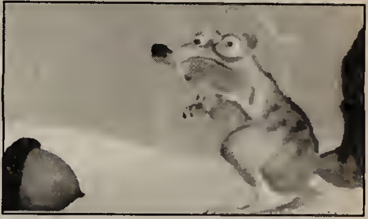
They come across a human baby on a riverbed and they set out to return him to its father after a pack of saber-toothed tigers tears the family apart. One of the tigers, Diego, is ordered to bring the baby to the leader of the pack or else he will be left to fend for himself.

Diego runs into Manfred and Sid, and convinces them that he can help them find the baby's father faster if he leads the way. Unbeknownst to them, Diego plans on having them attacked once Diego hands the baby over to his leader.

The unlikely trio end up having to work together to reach their goal, and each develops a love for the baby. Now Diego must face the decision of betraying his new friends, or finishing his job to keep his status with his fellow tigers.

Ray Romano from CBS' "Everybody Loves Raymond", John Leguizamo, and Denis Leary give hilarious and heartwarming performances as the voices of Manfred, Sid, and Diego, but the star of the show is the animation.

The animation in the movie is amazing and more advanced than "Toy Story" and "Shrek". Kids of all ages will enjoy this movie because of its humor and warmth that each character displays throughout the film.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One of the many cute critters in the animated film "Ice Age"

Ice Age is one movie that the whole family will want to see more than once and personally I thought it was better than "Shrek". So, if you liked "Shrek", go out and see "Ice Age", it's one movie that made my money worth it.

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Questions-Contact Professor Hotchkiss x5575

Senate Banquet
April 5, 2002
Chez Josef, Agawam, Ma
6:30-12:00 a.m.
$29/ticket

Westfield Film Society
Spring 2002 Film Series
Satire, Baby, Satire!
Monty Python and the Holy Grail-April 11
MASH-May 2
Free Admission
Free Popcorn
Scanlon Living Room
6:30 p.m.
Contact Prof. Michael Filas at x5683 for more information

WSKB Weekly Spotlight

Wayne Versace

JED DION
A&E EDITOR

For those who like to rock out tune into the Triple Threat Double Hour of Power with Wayne Versace every Tuesday night from 8 to 10.

Versace a Senior majoring in Business Management has been with the station for two years, his first year and a half as a co-host on DJ Radio, a two hour talk show. Now solo, Versace ditches the talk for constant rock.

The double hour of power features three parts. The first part of the show is dedicated to metal and such bands as Meshuggah, Motley Crue and Soul Embraced. The second part of the show features hardcore music from bands like Hatebreed and Throwdown and then the last part is dedicated to punk music from the likes of Belvedere, Thrice, No Intention and Unwritten Law.

"Doing a radio show is fun and it keeps me away from the bad bad drugs. I also like getting to hear music before it is released. I like to hear all of the underground bands," said Versace.

Versace is also in charge of contacting underground bands and labels for music for the station. Serving as the station's metal director, Versace charts the albums weekly and is always talking with labels. Versace has been the metal director for one year.

Versace tries to do give aways on the show each week.

"I give away twenty dollar gift certificates to ticketsnow.com, but no one ever calls. I just say, next person who calls gets a prize and still no one calls," said Versace.

Besides bringing WSC the latest in hard sounds, Versace also likes to play his own music on guitar, attend concerts, weight lifting and sports.

This will be Versace's last semester doing a radio show as he will graduate in May. Give him a call between 8-10PM Tuesdays at 572-5427 and make a request.

There is No Exit once you enter into the realms of Hell

BY LIZ LAFOND &
TOM PERRON
VOICE STAFF

"Well...let's get on with it," stated Joseph Garcin, played by Steven Camara.

"No Exit," by playwright Jean Paul Sartre was presented by the Westfield State College Theatre Arts Program on March 21, 22 and 23 in the Ely Box Theatre.

While the play ran fluidly, like the lava pits of Hell, the main setting of the play, technical difficulties caused time constraints among the cast and crew. "The brand new computer system, valued at over $100,000, crashed causing a set back," said Jack Shea, Director of the Theatre Arts Program.

The replacement processor was delivered only three days before opening night, Professor of English Julie Leavitt said. Despite the difficulties and unpredicted problems, the cast acted with perfection.

The main setting of this play is Hell. This locale is depicted with three flats being consumed by fire on the stage.

This hellish hotel room is where the three main characters are brought together to share the room for eternity. As time passes, each learns more about each other, inflicting a love triangle and causes debate over manhood.

Garcin is the first of the three roommates to enter Hell. He is led to his room by the Valet, played by Dan Cormier. He enters in complete denial. The cause of his descention is his adulterous behaviors on earth.

Inez Serrano, played by Kendra Kachadoorian, is the second to enter the fiery pits. Initially she is timid, but proves to acting as a realistic conscience all. Serrano's fate is due to her homosexual behaviors with many lovers on earth.

Last to complete the trio is Estelle, played by Elizabeth Marshall. Referred to as a child and baby killer, she descended upon the flames by committing murder.

The trio does nothing but bicker about the trifles of their past lives, but Garcin evokes an eternal agreement for silence. The silence is quickly broken.

The audience is quick to find out about the sexual desires of the characters, but three is a crowd. Estelle wants Garcin, who she continually refers to as "my darling." Inez wants Estelle and Garcin can't function without the approval of the ever-sinister Inez.

Dan Cormier, otherwise known as the Valet, though only in the play for a brief moment, made the audience question the concept of Hell in his tuxedo with a bright red bow tie.

Garcin, the journalist, deals with issues of trust and bravery and will remain forever torn. The sinister demeanor of Inez makes the audience writhe in their seats while listening to her cackling realism. Lastly, Estelle's child-like temper reveals her needy personality and yearning for liberation.

-Photo by Meg Canning

The cast of Jean Paul Sartre's "No Exit."

Director Michael Sakey, a senior, said the main theme of the play is, "We must own up to our mistakes, we only have a short time on earth, thus make the most of it." The cast and Sakey did a great job making us believe we were really in hell and proved that not only you make up for your own mistakes, but also for your triumphs.

The cast and crew did a wonderful job and we greatly applaud their hard work and dedication. It was a great way to spend the evening and left us contemplating the concept of forever.

Applying to Law School?

The new LSAT registration books are now available in the Political Science Department office (Parenzo 011) While you are there, check out our Law School Information Center which contains law school catalogs, financial aid information, law school ratings, and LSAT test preparation materials. For more info, call Prof. Phil Zampini x5703

Top 6 Uses for the New Recycling Bins

6. Can you say "oversized beer cooler"?

5. It gives you a place to put all of those pizza boxes that have been under your bed for the entire year.

4. Gives you another place to hide during those hall hide and seek games (otherwise known as Hide from the ISO).

3. By making us have them in our rooms, the school can make more money by charging us if we break them.

2. It's a great place to hide your microwave. Who would ever check in the recycling bin for a microwave?

1. It's bigger than your normal trashcan so now you only have to go to the dumpster once a month.

Congratulations to Wildcats

(4-4 BBall Champs)

Congratulations to Supermen

(Mens Indoor Soccer Champs)

Congratulations to

PLAYA HATAS

(Women's Indoor Soccer Champs)

Still Time to Sign up For:

Floor Hockey (men & women)
Sports Trivia
Softball (men, women & coed)
Sand Volleyball
Ultimate Frisbee

Still Accepting Rosters!

Tennis Singles Champion

Ryan Donahue

INTRAMURALS ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

Corey Scafidi

Rhiannon D'Angelo

Westfield State Ice Hockey Denied Varsity Status

The commonwealth of Massachusetts' constant budget announcements of "doom and gloom" took another casualty, as this time a Westfield State College sports team has been denied a return to full varsity status.

The Westfield State administration has announced that the college ice hockey team, which was poised to make the jump back to full NCAA varsity status this year, will have to remain a "club" team for the next two years because of the tremendous budget cuts the college has had to make this year, along with the funding reduction being forecasted for the next two years.

Westfield State College athletics director Ken Magarian stated that he plans to keep the hockey program operating the way it has the past two years: as a club program in name only, but run like a varsity team.

Hockey Coach Resigns

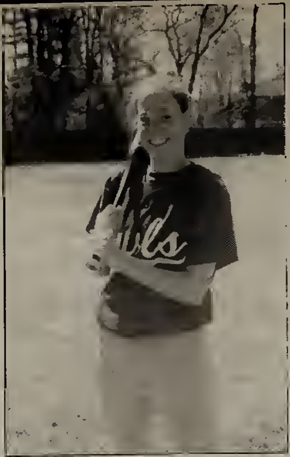
Brian Ward has announced his resignation as Westfield State ice hockey head coach due to the decision of the college not being able to advance the hockey program from club back to varsity status as it was up until 1989.

Ward cited his time and effort as being exhausted in hopes that the program would make the jump to NCAA varsity status. Futhermore, he stated that he is no longer able to coach as this level if the team remained club, and he is disappointed that the economic woes of the commonwealth denied the team varsity status for at least the next two years.

Westfield State athletics director Ken Magarian praised Ward for the outstanding work he did the past four years to get the program back to varsity level.

"We will miss Brian and hate to see him go, but at the same time we understand," said Magarian. "All of us are very disappointed we can't return hockey to varsity status, but I know this is particularly devastating to Coach Ward.

"The program will go on, though, and a new coach will be named shortly," Magarian added. "We have a great group of young men here and new recruits will be coming next fall."



Westfield State sophomore first baseman Kate Pomerleau was named to the Mass. State Conference softball weekly honor roll. Pomerleau batted .320 during the Owls' Florida trip, with eight RBI, a double, and a home run. The softball team posted a 4-5-1 record in Fort Myers.

Westfield State sophomore desingated hitter Bobby Negron was named to the Mass. State Conference baseball weekly honor roll. Negron batted .400, with seven RBI, four doubles and a triple. The Owls posted a 3-8 record in Florida, including two one-run losses and a pair of two-run setbacks.

Westfield State Student-Athletes To Assist Youth With Reading Program

Westfield State College varsity student-athletes will be available to assist area youth as homework assistants at the Westfield Anthenaeum Boys and Girls Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. from March 19 thru April 24.

Entitled TEAM READ by the college athletics department, the program is made possible by a grant received from the NCAA and Verizon to the Westfield State College CHAMPS/Life Skills program.

The goal of "Verizon Reads with the NCAA" initiative is to reduce the illiteracy rate of youth in communities across America by using college student-athletes as leaders, educators and role models.

Verizon is one company that has made a significant commitment to literacy through the Verizon Reads program. As an NCAA corporate partner, Verizon donated $50,000 to the NCAA's Literacy Fund for 10 institutions, among them Westfield State, to each receive a $5,000 literacy grant.

"This is an excellent program for the student-athletes to be involved with," said Westfield State assistant athletics director Nancy Bals, who is coordinating the TEAM READ program. "For the student-athletes to help reduce the illiteracy rate of youth in our community by being leaders, educators and role models is a perfect fit for us."

Approximately eight to 10 students are serving two-hour shifts as homework assistants at the library. In addition, the student-athletes will be assisting the Anthenaeum with other programs during April school vacation week.

"We are very excited to have the athletics department help by being homework assistants," said Mary Ann Tourjee, the new librarian at the Boys and Girls Library. "This is a wonderful partnership."

In addition, three student-athletes are reading tutors for an after school program for third graders at Mosley Elementary School, with assistance from school principal John Gibbons and Martha Roman, the school's primary literacy coordinator.

"The Westfield State students take snacks for the students, a book to read to the students, then hear the students read aloud. They will talk about the stories and work on reading comprehension," said Bals.

Three Westfield State student-athletes also volunteer at the Chester Elementary School, where Westfield State field hockey head coach Heather Cabral is a teacher and the school's literacy coordinator.

The Verizon/NCAA grant of $5,000 is used for transportation of the student-athletes to the three sites, snacks for the kids, publicity materials, and giveaways to promote literacy (bookmarks, pencils, stickers, temporary tatoos).

Students, Coach Nominated For Leadership Conference

Two Westfield State College student-athletes and an athletics department staff member have been nominated to participate in the inaugural NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Regional Leadership Conference.

The conference is scheduled for Nov. 8-10, 2002, at the Hyatt Harborside Hotel in Boston. Representing Westfield State will be Lou Ann Simchak, head softball coach and intramurals supervisor; freshman baseball player Mason Keith of Oneco, Conn., and sophomore track and field athlete Jess Silva of Reading, Mass.

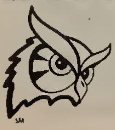
The regional conference was created by the NCAA Division III initiatives task force to prepare student-athletes for leadership in a dynamic and diverse society.

The conference will be modeled after the NCAA's national Foundation Leadership Conference designed to encourage student-athletes to become confident change agents on their campuses and in their communities.

In addition to the student participants, athletics directors were encouraged to nominate an athletics administrator or coach who will attend and facilitate critical dialogue and create the partnerships that are needed to impact positive change at the campus, conference, and divisional levels.

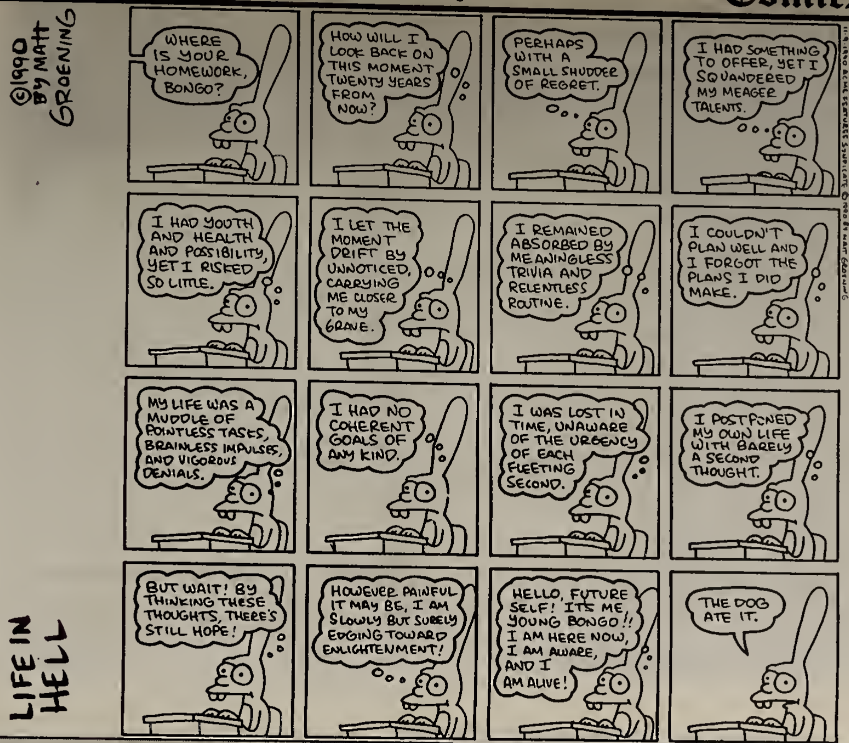
Student participants will develop leadership skills, build rapport with their peers, and address specific Division III issues. Once participants return to campus they will implement a team directed action plan created at the regional conference.

"We are very pleased that the NCAA is offering the Division III student-athlete regional leadership conference," said Westfield State assistant athletics director Nancy Bals. "The student-athletes will return to campus with lots of energy and ideas. These students will address student-athlete issues as members of the 2002-2003 Westfield State Student-Athlete Advisory Board, and we look forward to their contributions."



Health Fair Held During 'A Week Celebrating 'Women 2002'

Westfield State College movement science professors Holly Noun and Dave Laing read brochures that were available at the Health Fair held Wednesday, March 20, in the Ely Campus Center. The Health Fair was held in conjunction with Westfield State's "A Week Celebrating Women": March 20-27. The fair was a fun and an interesting way to learn about fitness, nutrition, and mental and physical well-being.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LIFE IN HELL
WHERE IS YOUR HOMEWORK, BONGO?
HOW WILL I LOOK BACK ON THIS MOMENT TWENTY YEARS FROM NOW?
PERHAPS WITH A SMALL SHUDDER OF REGRET.
I HAD SOMETHING TO OFFER, YET I SQUANDERED MY MEAGER TALENTS.
I HAD YOUTH AND HEALTH AND POSSIBILITY, YET I RISKED SO LITTLE.
I LET THE MOMENT DRIFT BY UNNOTICED, CARRYING ME CLOSER TO MY GRAVE.
I REMAINED ABSORBED BY MEANINGLESS TRIVIA AND RELENTLESS ROUTINE.
I COULDN'T PLAN WELL AND I FORGOT THE PLANS I DID MAKE.
MY LIFE WAS A MUDDLE OF POINTLESS TASKS, BRAINLESS IMPULSES, AND VIGOROUS DENIALS.
I HAD NO COHERENT GOALS OF ANY KIND.
I WAS LOST IN TIME, UNAWARE OF THE URGENCY OF EACH FLEETING SECOND.
I POSTPONED MY OWN LIFE WITH BARELY A SECOND THOUGHT.
BUT WAIT! BY THINKING THESE THOUGHTS, THERE'S STILL HOPE!
HOWEVER PAINFUL IT MAY BE, I AM SLOWLY BUT SURELY EDGING TOWARD ENLIGHTENMENT!
HELLO, FUTURE SELF! ITS ME, YOUNG BONGO!! I AM HERE NOW, I AM AWARE, AND I AM ALIVE!
THE DOG ATE IT.

Personals

Who set the door alarms off in Scanlon 2 times?

The Gonzo has been seen on the fourth floor of Dickinson Hall - Be careful, he spits.

Yeah...how's your trumpet brrrtttt, rather rusty!!

His nipples are hard and he's part of the Polar Bear Club.

THomPSO, always be looking over your shoulder.

Boo Boo and Shy Shy in slots 213 are unbreakable!

Wanna get involved? Join CIRCLE K. Meetings are Tuesdays @ 7:30 in Ely Third World Room!

Nice comeback Quincy...Next time try saying it to my face...

Found: 2 1/2 grams of opium in Wilson...Thank You.

Hey baby hey baby bey!

There will be an Intramurals Tennis League starting in April. If interested, Please sign up with Mike at X7760. Anyone welcome.

Whoever left us candy in the personals box....THANK YOU!

I wonder why some people never get the hint when you try to tell them to go away.

SCARY MAN ALERT!!!

Buy your Spring Weekend tickets now! On sale at the teller window. $10 for students and guests of commuters and apartments...$28 for all other guests.

When in Rome, Wear a toga!

Two times the fun, wrapped up and rolled into one!

Kate, Happy 21st Birthday!

Josh from Courtney, I love you with all of my heart! ~A mysterious blonde

It's the first day of Spring and it's snowing? What's up with that dawg?

* Smile it makes people around you just a little more confused *

PLEASE HELP ME!

Bamm, bitch went down. Sarah - Super B**ch!

Senate Banquet - April 5th - Tickets on sale at Teller Window....Be there....or ummm... Don't be there!

The most devastating day of my life thus far was when Mr. Hooper from Sesame Street died.

Hey Courtney 236, I think you're hott!

Is it time for summer vacation yet?

Gummi bears, bouncing here and there and everywhere!

HOOTERS!

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

USEFUL INFORMATION

JUST THE PLAIN FAX

AS SGT. JOE FRIDAY USED TO SAY– "JUST THE PLAIN FAX MA'AM." A PUBLIC FAX MACHINE HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN THE ELY CAMPUS CENTER MAIN LOUNGE. INSTRUCTIONS ARE EASY TO FOLLOW. PRICES ARE OUTLINED FOR EACH USAGE.

WANT SOME CULTURE?

Check out Springfield Symphony Orchestra schedule at the Campus Center Service Window. Student vouchers for $6

NEED A WASH?

Golden Nozzle car wash coupons on sale for $4 at the Campus Center Service Window. Make your car happy and clean!

NEED CASH FAST?

Fleet Bank ATM located in Ely Campus Center Main Level.

DON'T FORGET!

Get your Spring ID stickers at the Campus Center Service Window

GOING SOMEWHERE?

Bus /Train information available at the Campus Center Service Window

ELY CAMPUS CENTER GAMES

Games are located in Ely 131. You must present your student ID in order to take games out. CARDS, CRIBBAGE, DOMINOES, GUESSTURES, LIFE, MANCALA, PICTIONARY, RISK, SCRABBLE, SCATTERGORIES, TABOO, TRI BOND, UNO, YAHTZEE

Activities Line: x5840 / Info Line: x5440 / Class Cancellation Line: x5411

Dining Commons

Mon-Thurs 7:30a-7:00p Fri 7:30a-6p
Weekends 10:30a-1:30p & 4:30p-6p

Health Services

Mon-Thurs 8a-6p Fri 8a-4p Sat 12p-4p
Doctor'r Hrs Mon-Fri 11a-1p
Nurse Practioner: Call for Hours (x5415)

Wellness Center

Mon-Wed 7a-10p Thur 7a-9p Fri 7a-7p
Sat 1p-6p Sunday 4p-9p
x5500 pool info

Library Hours

Mon-Thur 8a-11p;
Fri 8a-5pm
Sat 1pm-6pm;
Sun 1pm-9pm

Bookstore

Call x5657
For Hours of Operation

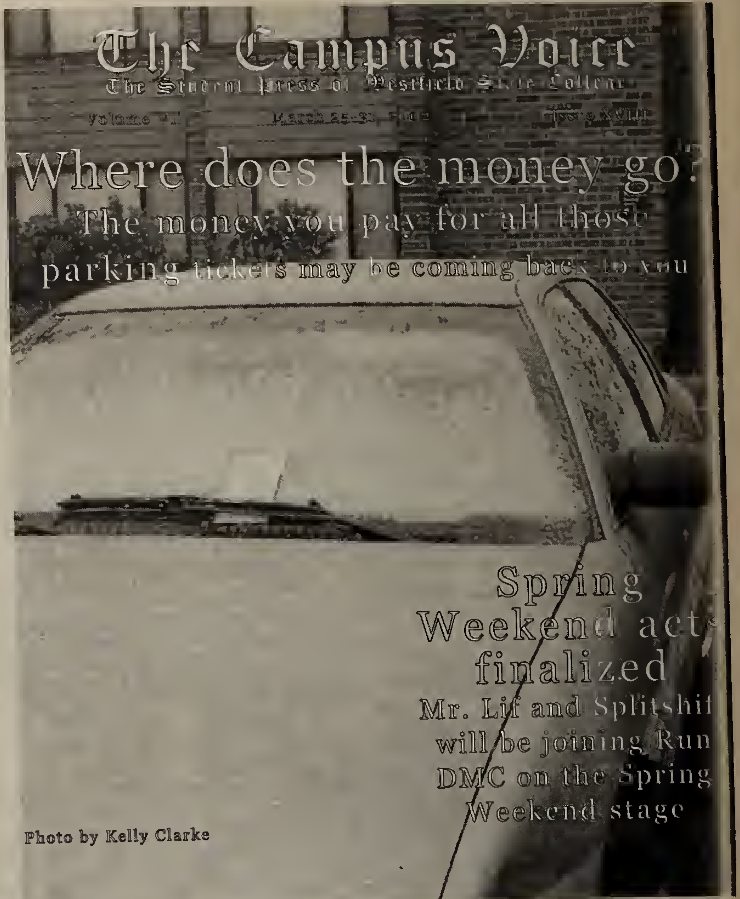
Subway

Mon-Fri 8a-11p
Sat 12p-11p Sun 1p-11p

Events are free & open to the entire college community unless otherwise noted. To have events published on The Back Page please E-mail thecampusvoice@hotmail.com

WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events

Day	Time	Event	Location
Mon 3/25	5:30 p.m.	Campus Activities Board	SGA Office
	8:00 p.m.	Open Mic Coffee House	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Pulp Fiction"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Romeo Must Die"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Tue 3/26	10:00 a.m.	Clothesline Project	Campus Green
	12:00 p.m.	Alumnae Talk About Getting Ahead	Private Dining Commons
	5:30 p.m.	Student Government Association	SGA Office
	7:00 p.m.	Movie: "The Vagina Monologues"	Wilson Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Iron Monkey"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "K-PAX"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Wed 3/27	10:00 a.m.	Clothesline Project	Campus Green
	1:00 p.m.	Mid Week Musicale	Dever Auditorium
	7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Heist"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Wash"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Thur 3/28	7:00 p.m.	Battle of the Talents	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Last Castle"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Training Day"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	10:00 p.m.	Card and Game Night	Third World Room
Fri 3/29	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "A.I."	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Riding in Cars with Boys"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Sat 3/30	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live with WSKB	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "A.I."	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Riding in Cars with Boys"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Sun 3/31	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "A.I."	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Riding in Cars with Boys"	Cable Channels 56 & 57



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Where does the money go?

The money you pay for all those parking tickets may be coming back to you

Spring Weekend acts finalized

Mr. Lif and Splitshit will be joining Run DMC on the Spring Weekend stage

Photo by Kelly Clarke

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Stanley Park bans revealing clothing

By Peg CanCan
News Editor

Next time you go home, don't bother bringing back your bikinis and swim shorts for the spring. At least, don't expect to wear them to Stanley Park.

Last week, the Westfield City Council voted to ban all revealing worn at Stanley Park. This new measure will make the park more inviting to families with young children, according to the council.

College-aged girls in tiny bathing suits cause fights, according to one Westfield resident. "Us husbands turn to check out the scenery and get whacked by our wives in front of the kids," he said.

Westfield State College students, especially females in small bikinis, are being encouraged to hit the tanning saloons downtown, rather than sprawling out on the so-called "Stanley Beach."

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WSC to change name to Massachusetts College of Criminal Justice

By Lola Cry
Editor in Cheese

Following in the footsteps of the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (formerly North Adams State College), Westfield State College will be changing its name to the Massachusetts College of Criminal Justice.

The official name change, which will be in effect Fall 2002, was just the logical next step, said WSC president Derek Woolworth. "We wanted to stand out from the rest of the state colleges, so we sat down to brainstorm ideas," he said. "Somebody came up with the idea that since we already gave the Criminal Justice department a great new building and facilities, why not pretty much give them the school."

The decision was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees meeting last Saturday night.

"I think this would be wonderful for the college," Trustee Nelson Poindexter said at the meeting. "In fact, I'm so sure of it that we should all vote now and not waste any time getting student input. Let's put this plan into immediate action."

Johnny Q, the student representative to the Board of Trustees, voted for the name change along with the board. "I'll vote with whatever you guys say," he said.

Students are having mixed reactions to this decision. But, Criminal Justice majors are pleased with the new name change.

"I think it rocks," said junior Criminal Justice major Steve Trooper. "It shows the importance of the department and it will make it much easier to remember what the name of our school is."

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Campus Voice funding cut, paper must fold at year's end

Budget cut due to staff laziness

By Juan Mule
Assistant Editor

-Photo by Smelly Park

Lola Cry, Editor in Cheese, doing her normal "work."

As part of Westfield State College's new budget cuts, funding for The Campus Voice, the college's student run newspaper, has been eliminated, causing the paper to fold. Consequently, the May 6 issue of the Voice will be the last published and will leave next semester's student body without a source of unread news stories, an outlet for amazingly ignorant columnists, and worst of all, nowhere to turn for a schedule of the weekly campus movies.

"I guess it's pretty shocking," said Lola Cry, the paper's first, and apparently last, female Editor In Chief. "But hey, I'll be out of here at the end of the semester, so what do I really care?"

"This whole thing was pretty much just a resume builder for me anyway," Smelly Park said.

Columnist Juan Mule echoed Cry's sentiments. "I dunno, I was getting pretty sick of writing all this touchy-feely human interest crap anyway. Now I've got more time to dedicate to my real interests: boozing and hooking up."

"From what we were told," explained Peg Can-Can, News Editor, "they were already planning on cutting our budget. But then, when we didn't put out papers on the weeks following holidays, they figured we were just lazy and decided to cut the whole thing," she said.

"I guess it's our own fault. We should have listened to Pristina Sartinclli when she wrote about how disgraceful it was to not put out an issue," Adrianna Spankalotta said.

Bye Bye Voice-Page 2

Sodexho Marriott fired, new culinary arts department takes over

By moT nerroP
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Sodexho Marriott will no longer be providing WSC with food, said Patrice Stetson, Director of the Dining Commons. As of next semester, Dr. Derek Woolworth, President of WSC, said, "We will be adopting a Culinary Arts Department.

"As part of the students' grades, they will need to work between 15 and 20 hours cooking for fellow students in the DC," he said.

Woolworth said the school hopes to get Betty Crocker to run the program and serve, no pun intended, as Chair for the Culinary Arts Department.

Stetson, a cook for 25 years, said, "Students don't understand the concept of good food. What Sodexho aimed to serve was 'good food' not McDonald's."

Marie Murphy, a lunch lady, said, "This is the hardest thing that has ever happened to me. When this change goes into effect, I will no longer have this job."

Many students said they feel that losing Murphy is definitely not enough to make up for edible food. "Losing Marie is crappier than the food," said Shauna Keldredge, SGA President.

Keldrege said, "If only administration listened to the students."

With all of the recent budget cuts, Woolworth said, WSC is trying to get more students to help in any way possible. "I don't care how current students feel. If we need to add 25 more departments so I can buy myself a new chair, we will."

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Budget cuts require students to supply own toilet paper, clean residence halls

By Adrianna Spankalotta
Managing Editor

When buying your school supplies for next year, don't forget to buy your toilet paper. "Due to next year's budget cuts, students need to buy their own toiletries," said Vice President Mackson.

"Students will also have to clean their own bathrooms and hallways. That includes washing and waxing the floors." Mackson said.

Students will have to alternate who has to clean the restrooms," said Sarah McBroom, a maintainer from Courtney Hall. "Some students will find this a bad idea, but they will get over it," she said.

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> **Vice President Mackson**

"I've been cleaning bathrooms and dorms for 20 years and it is a great way to meet the students so for those students who are shy this will help them make friends," said McBroom.

Mackson said that by cutting maintenance staff in the dorms, the school will be able to save $250,000 each year.

To save more money, Mackson said, "We will be charging residents for electricity, water and heating."

If students do not pay their utilities they will be shut off, said Mackson.

"I really hate the fact that we have to clean our own bathrooms. I don't clean my bathroom at home let alone clean it at school. This is really stupid," Stacy Macy, Fashion Major said.

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The secret is out! Britney Spears, not Run DMC, will be headlining Spring Weekend. Turn to Page 17 for the story.

Not wanting to be left out of the fun, Al Gore decides to become a candidate for Governor too. Turn to Page 19.

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-Photo by Kelly Clarke

Construction underway for building of accessway and parking lot.

Land purchased for possible access road

By Joseph Fountain
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State College Foundation purchased the old Sheraton Inn on Route 20 and tore it down a few weeks ago. According to Dr. Curt Robie, Vice President for Facilities and Operations, WSC purchased the property, about 14 acres of land, for about $300,000.

While there are no definitive plans, the land will most likely be used for an access road, additional parking and possibly a daycare center in the future, according to Robie.

There is already a partial access road on the site. But the cost of a completely new road will put the additional access to the campus on hold. According to Robie, the campus needs additional access to route 20 to alleviate the congestion on Western Avenue.

"It's hard to get out of the student parking lot mid-afternoon," said senior Sara Sechovicz, an Economics major. In terms of the possibility of new parking and roadway she said, "the parking aspect of it stinks on cold days, having to wait for the shuttle."

According to WSC President Frederick W. Woodward, the first step to accessing the new land will be to build a road from route 20, but that won't happen for quite a while, he said.

Sechovicz, a student minoring in Geography and Regional Planning, has been looking at this issue and the building of a new dorm. According to her, there are rumors the school is planning to get rid of the parking in the center of campus and moving it to the edges. This means students will either have to walk a long distance or take the shuttle, Sechovicz said.

She also suspects the new

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Student arrested for alleged rape found innocent of charges

Ragland's life at WSC has changed forever

By Adrienne Lamplough &
Chris Ward
Voice Staff

An individual's life can be drastically changed in a heartbeat.

In a moment everything can come crashing down and possibly never return to normal. For WSC student Aaron Ragland this moment came on November 10, 2001 when he was accused of rape.

Ragland's case never reached trial due to the decision of the court's grand jury not to indict. He was found innocent of the charges brought against him on February 14. Months later Ragland is now rebuilding his life.

Ragland said he felt the support of his friends and supporters from the beginning. But after his release from his four-day, three-night stay at the county jail in Ludlow, things on campus drastically changed.

Ragland said he began to receive threatening hate mail pushed under his newly assigned door in Courtney Hall. "As of right now, I'm treated as though it was still November 10," he said.

"If students are brought up on disciplinary charges and if they are found responsible, then our policy is to outline a minimum suspension from housing or the college or an outright expulsion from the college depending on the facts and circumstances involved," Director of Judicial Affairs Susan Lamontange said about the procedures followed after a student is accused of a crime on campus.

Ragland was removed from his campus apartment in Conlin Hall and was told that an open bed was available in a double in Courtney Hall.

He said when he arrived at the room there were already two residents in there. They hadn't been notified beforehand of him, he said.

Ragland said he could store his property in "the boiler room," which is directly above the boiler in Courtney Hall and one of the few such rooms without an

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Professor offers new insight on war

By Brooke Ann Popielarz
Voice Reporter

Assistant Professor of Communication Nessim Watson began the lecture by telling students and faculty about his personal experiences during the Persian Gulf War.

Mediating Public Opinion: The Use of Public Relations in the Gulf War drew a standing room crowd of about 75 students and faculty last Wednesday, March 27, at 3 p.m. in the Ely TV Studio.

Watson compared the Gulf War to the War on Terrorism as part of the Sixth Annual Critical issues in Communication Series. Watson has represented peace activism since sixth grade and has researched war vs. peace.

Enrolled at Hampshire College at the time of the Gulf War, Watson and his friends sat in the lounge and watched missles shoot every 15 minutes. Since he was a college student, he became concerned for the soldiers, who could rightfully be his friends, he said. Starting a draft council was his way of involving himself.

Watson projected photos of the protest in Washington D.C on the big screen. These photos demonstrated Watson's experiences while protesting.

He is half-Palistenian and wore a Palistenian scarf the day of the protest..."because it was

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-Photo by Kelly Clarke

Nessim Watson, Professor of Communication, discusses what they never wanted the public to know about the Gulf War.

Changes to student policies and damage charges discussed at SGA

By Alison Close
Voice Reporter

Students will be seeing several policy changes next year, changes that will include new building charges and an easier method to handing out Westfield State College's well known 5-5-50 punishment.

According to Director of Residential Life, Jon Conlogue, new charges pertaining to building damages will be tacked on to the current building charges. One example: bulletin boards.

Conlogue said there has been a problem with damage to the residential halls' bulletin boards and he's hoping the charge will diminish the rising problem.

Conlogue continued that adding new protection devices to the boards, such as plastic coverings that encase the displays, is not his preferred way of dealing with what he calls "a behavioral problem."

"It seems to me that we should make the effort to encourage students not to vandalize rather than make an effort to make things student-proof," Conlogue said. "I would prefer to treat this as a behavioral problem that can hopefully be diffused by having consequences to the behavior."

Conlogue also said he felt sorry that residents who do not participate in such vandalism would be punished, but there is no other alternative.

"In situations like this, you never know who is responsible for causing the damage," he said. "Hopefully the charge will make the behavior occur less often."

As of now, Dickinson Hall currently ranks as the residential building with the highest charge

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amount. SGA approved the new policy changes, and it will next go to the Board of Trustees.

Director of Student Affairs Susan LaMontagne also went over a few new changes for the next academic year. LaMontagne proposed that those who are charged with violating the conduct code and also choose not to dispute the charges will be sanctioned by LaMontagne herself rather than going to the board.

"All too often students know they violated the conduct code but don't want a 5-5-50 so they appeal it anyway," she said.

LaMontagne explained that this streamlined process is to prevent an exorbitant amount of time being spent on an inevitable conclusion.

On that note, LaMontagne reminded students that if they lose housing and become commuters for whatever reason, disciplinary or not, they will not be guaranteed housing in the near future.

LaMontagne's policy changes were also supported by SGA.

Spring Weekend will take place the weekend of April 19. The festivities will kick off on Friday night with a concert, midnight pancake buffet and dance. On Saturday, April 20, the winner of Battle of the Bands, Mr. Lif, Splitshift and Run DMC will perform for Spring Weekend participants.

Vice President of Programming Angela LaPierre, confirmed that Spring Weekend will definitely have an 80's theme. A mechanical bull, moonwalk and other vendors will also make up the weekend fun.

No guests will be allowed on campus during Spring Weekend unless they are registered Spring Weekend guests who bought a package. Tickets for commuting students and students in the Apartments are $10 while tickets for guests of on-campus residents will be $28.

Senate Banquet tickets are currently on sale for $29 and are going very fast. Only 950 tickets will be sold and will only be on sale until April 2. The event will take place April 5, 6:30p.m.-12 a.m. at Chez Joseph in Agawam.

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From the Editor's Desk

April Fools Tradition

This issue marks the third annual celebration of April Fools Day at The Campus Voice. It has become a tradition to provide the campus with a few laughs with spoof stories on the college and the communities of Westfield and Massachusetts. This is now the third year of an April Fools edition. We've found that there are still many ideas to bring you some laughs even though some would think there are other things to make fun of.

The tradition began three years ago when Editor Justin McCauley tricked most of the campus with his story that Dave Matthews would replace Naughty by Nature as the Spring Weekend headlining act. Who can forget the picture of Dave Matthews superimposed over the background of Ely, actually convincing some students that he was on campus. Or the great headline of "Not so naughty anymore." Perhaps it was because no one expected an April Fools issue, but McCauley's newspaper really tricked the students, causing much disappointment later when excited readers turned the page to discover they had been tricked and that Naughty by Nature was still headlining.

Last year's April Fools edition came out with a picture that represented some of the worst dreams of Massachusetts' sports fans. Pedro Martinez was wearing a New York Yankees cap on the front page of The Campus Voice with the headline declaring he had been traded. It was a hilarious story to the Voice staff, but we all would have been in tears had the story actually been true.

The Pedro story was accompanied by some other shocking stories such as the library hours were to be extended to 24 hours a day (like that would ever happen), a mini-mall was going to replace the field house (actually sounds like a good idea now with all the budget cuts), and that Bulger was going to be the graduation speaker, the infamous gangster Whitey Bulger that is, instead of his brother, William Bulger. The front page also included our banner saying, "The Campus Vice," poking a little fun at ourselves, humor that was apparently lost on the student who wrote in the personals how dumb we must be if we can't spell our own name right.

This year we found a few more new ideas to spoof on, including the budget cuts and with warm weather on its way, we couldn't leave Stanley Beach alone. We even decided to make fun of ourselves to an even greater extent with the story on how The Campus Voice is folding. So I hope all of you enjoyed the stories and didn't take much offense. Many other college campuses write much worse stories, causing lots of controversy to their own delight. So as you finish the issue, remember the jokes were all in good humor, and I hope we brought a laugh or a smile to your face. A little controversy wouldn't be that bad either.

Laura Cyr
Editor-In-Chief

Oil spill hits Westfield

This week MASSPIRG will create a mock oil spill on the campus green. This event will entail a display mimicking the actual effect of an oil spill, fact sheets, posters, and large banners reading "Got Oil?" the slogan for the event.

The event comes roughly two weeks after the anniversary of the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska in 1989.

"We have been trying to find a creative way of showing people what happened in Alaska on March 24, 1989," said Paige Albertson, MassPIRG campus organizer. The purpose of this event is to rally support for one of the semester campaigns aimed at preventing oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The four companies involved in the plan to open up the refuge for drilling are British Petroleum, ARCO, Exxon, and Chevron. The 1.5 million acres of the coastal plain in question constitute the last area along the north slope of Alaska that is not open for oil drilling. "The sad fact is that it [a repeat of the Valdez incident] could happen again, especially if we drill for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge," said Albertson.

First time winners for poster contest

For the first time this year, students have been awarded first- and second-place cash prizes for posters made for the Black History Month and Women's History Month poster displays, exhibited during February and March in Ely Campus Center Main Lounge. First-place awards are $100; second-place awards are $50. Andy Johnson, Associate Director of the Campus Center, and the student Board of Governors made these prizes possible.

Elizabeth LaFond won first prize in the Black History Month display for her poster on the subject of passing in Walter Mosley's novel Devil in a Blue Dress. Eve Bouchard won second prize for her poster depicting some aspects of Black history in Connecticut, including the most popular underground railroad routes and a controversial nineteenth-century school for African American girls. Winners were chosen by the officers of the Thirld World student group.

For the Women's History Month Display, three students collaborated on the first-prize airplane model that celebrated the achievements of Bessie Coleman, an African American pilot; they were Adam Marotte, Tara Mazzriello, and Carlyn Manchester. Kate Cauley won second prize for her poster on Emily Dickinson. Winners were chosen by students in the Women's Studies Program.

Ragland

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air conditioner to ward off excessive heat.

After spending a few nights sleeping in various friends' rooms, Ragland concluded that the "boiler room" was his best bet as it would be a single room. "Rooming alone would be better for me, I was going through a lot," he explained.

Part of what he was going through was the deal offered by the prosecution; a flat eight-year sentence for a guilty plea with the possibility of 12 years in prison if the case went to trial, he said.

"I just wanted to resume a normal life or at least more normal," said Ragland.

As part of the WSC Championship football team, Ragland was informed by Athletic Director Kenneth Magarian that he would be summarily suspended from the team just prior to the school's biggest game in recent memory, Ragland said.

"I was originally told not to attend the game, but a general uproar arose from my fellow players which allowed me to attend as a member of the student body," he said.

"If it wasn't for my teammates I wouldn't have come back this semester. My teammates have treated me 'like a soldier' and they have been there for me through it all," Ragland said.

"All in all, based on the call they got and what she said, (WSC Campus police) did their job," Ragland said on the allegations brought against him.

> **"If it wasn't for my teammates I wouldn't have come back this semester. My teammates have treated my like a soldier"**
>
> **Aaron Ragland.**

"In rape cases we do involve the State Police," Director of Public Safety Paul Scannell said. The reason is because they can bring in a numerous amount of investigators, he said.

"We take rape cases very seriously," Scannell said.

Ragland said he credits his strength through this to several people who supported him and stuck by him. "Dr. Arthur Jackson was there to explain each procedure and policy as they occurred and he eased me through the depaments on campus as they jerked me around."

Vice President of Student Affairs Artbur Jackson was unavailable for comment.

The Department of Minority Affairs was also on hand to advocate on Ragland's behalf, offer counseling services and even assisted him in finding a lawyer, Ragland said.

Ragland said he credits his professors with their understanding. "I barely needed to explain my circumstances because the campus is small, they all knew," he said.

"The people I mostly deal with now are people who've known me and who've known I wasn't capable of this. As for other students, I can guarantee some people feel unsafe because I live here," he said.

"But my friends know what happened and I'm not here to make new friends. I'm here to play my last season of football and get my degree," Ragland concluded.

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cold," he said.

One of the photos showed the kinds of people who were present, counter protestors who snickered at him and yelled, "TERRORIST, TERRORIST!" He said that he replied by yelling, "AMERICAN, AMERICAN!," to prevent getting beaten in the crowd.

Only one percent of protestors were represented that day, he said. Other protestors were veterans of other wars who held up crutches that had words such as "Life" written on the leg.

"I was not surprised by what I saw, but what this lecture will allow me to do now is be more mindful and consider our consequences of war and in that way my opinion is different," said sophomore David MacKenzie said.

Watson referred to Professor Stephen Sossaman's lecture last week on the Vietnam War and touched on the two top reasons America lost. Watson discussed how Richard Nixon said the number one thing that prevented us from winning the Vietnam War was the peace movement.

There was a government organization made during that time called "The Press Cooling System" that informed the media of the activities going on. Ultimately, the purpose of that organization was to keep the media safe, Watson said.

However, Dick Cheney, Secretary of Defense during the Gulf war, was supposedly an expert on controlling public opinion.

Watson then showed photos about what the public saw and what they did not see. An example was a picture of a dead Iraqi soldier sticking out of a humvee burnt to a crisp from missles.

He asked the audience, "How many of you have seen any Afghan victims on the War on Terrorism recently?"

"I haven't, just houses that have been bombed," shouted an audience member.

The man responsible for not broadcasting the real stuff was the NBC president, Watson said.

"Public relations people think if we need America to support a war, do not show them what is really going on. People will only know what the public relations team informs them," he said.

A quote by Noam Chomsky was read by Watson next. He said the key to save your life is to keep in mind that education should be used as an intellectual defense and that democracy does not function unless people actively think for themselves.

"My opinion on war hasn't changed but I see more views and outlooks about war and peace," sophomore Adam Belson said.

"What alternative do you suggest instead of war?," junior Biology major Jessica Rainieri asked.

Watson replied, "What do you do, what's done is done."

He supported his statement by saying it's crazy for someone to remain hating someone if you supply them with needs like food, medical care, housing and education. His solution was to just stop by extending love and care toward people that hate you.

This past year, the U.S. dropped off food for the Afghan people to feed only one percent of the population in Afghanistan. The media does not tell us the figures, only the important stuff that makes us look good, Watson said.

Junior Racheal Gross asked if there were any committees or groups that exist locally to support peace. Communication professor Usha Zacharias said the AFC is a group in Northampton that meets every Saturday at noon and urges peace.

Watson concluded his discussion by advising everyone to, "seek perspectives, not institutionalized and not professional, to find out for yourself what is really happening. And remember, who controls the past, controls the present, who controls the present, controls the future," Watsonn said a quote from Rage Against the Machine.

The Sixth Annual Critical Issues in Communication Series, MEDIA DURING WARTIME, continues every Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Ely TV Studio for the next three weeks. Watch What You Say": Free Speech, Mass Media and War is April 3rd, Foreign Bodies: Racial & Gender Politics of the New War will be April 10; and Peace, Propaganda & The Promised Land: News Bias and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict will finish off the series on April 17.

Voice of The Week

Melissa Saporetti

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POSITION: GENERAL MANAGER OF WSKB, MEMBER OF COMMUNICATION HONOR SOCIETY, CAPTAIN OF INTRAMURAL FIELD HOCKEY TEAM W A W

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MAJOR: COMMUNICATION

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LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: HOW MANY HOOPS YOU HAVE TO JUMP THROUGH TO GET ANYTHING DONE

HOBBIES: PLAYING SOCCER AND HOCKEY, RUNNING THE STATION, GOING TO SHOWS, BEATING PEOPLE UP

FAVORITE QUOTE: "BOO BOO KITTEN"

FAVORITE FOOD: CHICKEN

PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: TRAVIS FROM PIEBALD OR THE DUDE WHO INVENTED CLICKY PENS

QUESTION YOU'D MOST LIKE ANSWERED: IF THE ANSWER TO LIFE, THE UNIVERSE, AND EVERYTHING IS 42, THEN WHAT'S THE QUESTION?

BEST DAY OF YOUR LIFE: I SKIPPED HIGH SCHOOL ONE DAY AND WENT TO THE BOSTON AQUARIUM WITH MY BEST FRIEND

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Nicole Howard
2005

"Change all of the clocks at work!"

Leanna Ryan
2004
Buisness
Jen Fiorillo
2004
Psychology

"Food coloring in the mashed potatoes to make them look green."

Jim Darlington
2003
Music

"Someone put my underwear up the flag pole."

George Emanuel
2002
P.J. Lorentzen
2002

"Nobody is dumb enough to mess with me on April Fools."

Angela LaPierre
2003
Comm./Psych.

"Having someone drink this drink with a chemical that makes you pee blue for a week."

Kristina Green
2005
Music

Voices Overheard compiled by Tom Perron

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road will only be acccssed by WSC vehicles. "We haven't even thought about that yet, it's going to be years before we can afford to do this project," Woodward said, referring to the limited vehicle access to the new road.

The Sheraton Inn property is part of a master plan that is being written for the campus. "The plan is to have the traffic flow around campus. The center of the campus will have pedestrian walkways," said President Woodard.

"There will be more parking on campus in the future," Woodward continued. The Sheraton Inn property gives the college access to the Westfield River, which is advantageous to the Environmental Sciencc Department, he said.

Robie, an alumni of WSC, said he had fond memories of the Sheraton Inn. "All the wiring, floors and fire alarms needed to be added or upgraded. It would have cost between $200,000 and $300,000 to bring that place up to code and it still would not have been of use," he said.

It was a hulk of a building that was worthiess, Woodward said. "The roof had holes, the floors were rotten and the building was about to cave in on itself," he said.

The Sheraton Inn, built in 1814, is one of the oldest buildings in the area but it had no historical significance and was not on any historical registers.

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Journalists coming under increasing fire

CRISTINA MILLER
THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

CARACAS, Venezuela-When President Hugo Chavez finally held a news conference last month, his first since fall, journalist Laura Weffer asked a simple and, for her, very personal question.

The Venezuelan leader had given an angry speech in December telling his supporters that the media were against them. Did he feel responsible for the wave of violence that followed the mobs that had beaten reporters, the bombing of a newspaper office?

Instead of answering, Chavez challenged the young reporter: Which journalists were attacked? Weffer, punched in the face by a Chavez supporter, placed a hand against her chest. Who else? he demanded to know. A reporter stood up. Then another. Then another.

Chavez simply sighed.

"My dear girl," Chavez said, "I am not going to continue with this, like a broken record. I have no answer to your question."

The exchange was not unique to Venezuela. Throughout Latin America, journalists are asking pointed questions as they come under fire in a manner not seen since most of the region's repressive dictatorships ended a decade or more ago.

Groups that document such threats have registered growing numbers of lawsuits, beatings and slayings compared with the 1990s.

Eleven journalists were killed in Latin America last year, according to the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists, compared with seven in 2000 and six in 1999. Last year, for the first time in more than a decade, journalists in Costa Rica, Paraguay and Uruguay were killed in connection with their work.

Colombia, in the midst of a vicious internal conflict, continues to be one of the deadliest countries in the world for reporters. Three journalists were killed last year in connection with their work; five more were slain for unknown reasons. Two have been killed so far this year.

Lawsuits threatening to silence reporters also have increased. A decade after Latin American nations had enacted other democratic reforms, such as more open economies, not one country in the region fully protects freedom of expression, according to a recent survey by the Inter-American Press Association.

One of the problems is that legal systems still give special protection to public officials, allowing them to sue over stories insulting their "honor." About 15 Latin American countries have such laws, allowing legislators and presidents to intimidate and silence criticism through legal means. In Panama, more than 70 such lawsuits are pending against reporters.

The problem has become so bad that the Organization of American States at its annual summit in 1998 created a high-level post to deal with reports of threats against the media.

Most alarming, perhaps, is that many court actions have come from democratically elected officials. Panama's president sued a newspaper for running a ribald political cartoon. Guatemala's government, which has been at war with the media for their corruption exposes, approved new licensing requirements affecting journalists. The country's Supreme Court recently suspended the measures.

Chavez, a populist leader facing an increasingly unstable political situation in Venezuela, has launched an all-out verbal blitz, accusing journalists of blocking his leftist reforms and betraying the poor.

Journalists "cannot say they are innocent. No, here there are no innocents; everyone must assume their responsibility before history and the people," Chavez said during a December address in which he excoriated the media. "People are tired of the lies, of the manipulation, of the deception. ... 2002 will be the year of the offensive."

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The attacks against journalists are significant beyond the threat they represent to free and open speech. They are an early indicator of a crisis facing democracy in Latin America.

Nearly a decade after every country in the Western Hemisphere but Cuba embraced free elections and free-market reforms, most nations still find themselves mired in poverty, joblessness and severe social problems.

Latin America and the Caribbean have the most skewed distributions of income among regions in the world, according to a recent United Nations report.

Democracy's failure to deliver a better life to Latin America's impoverished millions has endangered its future in the region. The attacks against media are simply an example of a greater frustration.

"With global recession and weakening democratic institutions throughout the region, what we are seeing is a surge in systematic attacks on the press and human rights groups," said Bruce Bagley, a Latin America expert at the University of Miami. "It's worse than it's been in 20 years.

"Democracy is under siege," he said.

A big part of the problem in Latin America is the increasing distance between major political parties and the people they are supposed to represent. There is a widespread perception of corruption and ineffectiveness. As the parties have become less relevant, allowing victories by populists such as Chavez or former dictators such as Efrain Rios Montt, now head of Guatemala's Congress, the media have stepped into the breach, becoming an often aggressive voice of opposition.

This, in turn, has placed the media in conflict with those in power.

When the influential Costa Rican daily La Nacion published a story in 1995 about an honorary diplomat who had allegedly abused his powers abroad, the diplomat sued the newspaper and won a $100,000 judgment.

Last September, the paper won a decision from the regional Inter-American Court of Human Rights suspending the judgment in order to determine the legality of the country's "honor" codes, which make slandering a public official a criminal offense.

"Undoubtedly, the judgment has menaced us," said the paper's editor in chief, Eduardo Ulibarri. "It has produced not fear but caution. There's great worry."

A final reason behind the increase in attacks against journalists shows another worrisome trend in Latin America: Even as economic and governmental reforms have advanced, the region's centuries-old legal system rarely produces results. Most crimes go unsolved, and most arrests do not end in convictions.

"Impunity surrounds attacks against journalists," said Marylene Smeets, the Americas expert for the Committee to Protect Journalists. "A message is sent to others who are thinking of silencing journalists that it is OK to do this."

Chavez and his allies, however, insist that the media are more free than in the distant past, when journalists were thrown in jail for their coverage. And no reporter interviewed could cite a case in which a story had been censored or suppressed in Venezuela.

"There is total freedom of the press here," said Willian Lara, the head of the country's unicameral National Assembly and a former journalist.

But many journalists said coverage already has changed. Miguel Otero, publisher of El Nacional, one of Venezuela's leading newspapers that has clashed with the government, said the constant criticism has forced the paper into an unwelcome role: that of the opposition.

To make his point, he waved toward a darkened window in a bleak dun apartment building across from his office. From there intelligence agents were videotaping his every move, he said, citing military sources.

Objectivity "is a problem now. Unavoidably there's a bias," Otero said. "The media are the opposition. The church is the opposition. The industries are the opposition. The union is the opposition. He has taken all of us out of our traditional roles."

"Our job is to inform," Otero said. "We do not want to be protagonists."

Girls march to class after 6 years of Taliban proscription

JOHN DAHISZEWSKI
LOS ANGELES TIMES

KABUL, Afghanistan- After years of being turned away at the schoolhouse gates, girls marched proudly at the head of the class Saturday at a ceremony here marking the start of school and the resumption of education for girls as well as boys in this country freeing itself from the Taliban's grim grip.

"A great day for Afghanistan," declared interim Prime Minister Hamid Karzai after being showered with golden confetti by a choir of gaily dressed girl pupils. "Probably today was the happiest day for me personally here to see our children go to school and to see them happy."

Earlier, Karzai choked back tears when he spoke of his joy at seeing the children going to school again in peace after nearly 24 years of war in Afghanistan.

"Today we cry out of happiness," he said, collecting himself.

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Karzai, UNICEF Director Carol Bellamy and the Aga Khan, a Muslim leader and philanthropist, all proclaimed it a historic day that augured well for the future of this war-ravaged land.

But it was the little fresh-faced children, particularly the girls, some in scout uniforms, some in track suits, some in traditional folk dress with bright red scarves and golden bangles, and some in black tunics and white scarves who stole the show.

They radiated joy and pride as they sang and recited, and left the ceremony at the Amani High School, not far from the presidential palace, clutching pouches of U.N.-provided pens, pencils and copybooks.

Their crystal voices rang out, in Dari and Pashto, as they sang newly written songs extolling knowledge and celebrating the departure of the Taliban regime.

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Many boys as well as girls did not attend school in the Taliban years, when civil war and poverty combined to erode the quality and availability of education across the country. By some estimates, Afghanistan has only a 13 percent literacy rate.

Bellamy pointed out that some courageous teachers continued educating girls in their homes, and she paid tribute to them as "heroes."

She said the U.N. agency for children had given out 7,700 tons of school supplies, including text books, teaching materials, slates, pencils, chalk and 500 classroom tents for places where school buildings have been destroyed. The United States contributed by printing 4 million textbooks.

Among the supplies distributed by UNICEF were hundreds of what the agency calls a "school in a box" a metal chest containing all the supplies that a teacher would need for 80 elementary-level pupils, down to slates, exercise books, blunt-end scissors, a plastic clock to teach time, chalk and blackboard paint.

Officials acknowledged that many schools remain in abysmal condition, lacking desks and chairs.

"We have a lot of work to do in that area," said Karzai. "But education will not wait for that, education will go on."

Karzai said he was determined to make education the largest item in the country's budget and to ensure that teachers are well paid.

Some girls had been trickling back to class over the past few months, enrolling in special catch-up classes to try to make up for the six years since the Taliban seized control of most of Afghanistan.

The regime barred girls from attending classes and punished people found teaching girls. When challenged on its policy by Western officials, the Taliban would make the excuse that the country could not afford female education at a time when it was still at war with forces of the Northern Alliance.

Tiny Triceratops Ancestor Found

The Washington Post

Fossil hunters have discovered the remains of a previously unknown species of dinosaur that appears to be an early ancestor of Triceratops, which is well-known because of its distinctive frill.

But while Triceratops weighed about 10 tons and was studded with massive horns and a wide frill, the newly discovered ancestor was only about the size of a small dog and had signs of only rudimentary horns and a frill.

The creature, dubbed Liaoceratops yanzigouensis because it was found in the Liaoning province of China near a town called Yanzigou, was discovered by a team of U.S. and Chinese researchers in rock dating back about 124 million to 145 million years.

The adult skull is only 4.4 inches long, and the animal apparently stood just 1 foot tall and was less than 3 feet long, according to a report in the March 21 Nature. It ate plants, possibly ginkgo, horsetails or conifers, which were also found preserved in the same rocks with the fossils. Its teeth were good for slicing and shearing rather than grinding.

But both the new creature and triceratops are members of a group of dinusaurs known as ceratopsians.

``Liaoceratops gives us a great window on the early evolution of horned dinosaurs and tells us that Triceratops and its relatives evolved from very small Asian ceratopsians," Peter Makovicky of the Field Museum in Chicago said in an announcement released last week.

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Pennsylvania crash site finding its place in history

Robert E. Pierre
The Washington Post

SHANKSVILLE, PA.-There's little to see from the lazy hill overlooking the barren stretch of earth where United Flight 93 fell from the sky. Few trees and even fewer houses dot the land. The gaping hole at the crash site has been filled and, unlike at the Pentagon or the World Trade Center, there's no ongoing hustle and bustle.

Neither are there amenities. No place to sit. No toilet. Nothing to shield visitors from the harsh winter wind. Just a makeshift memorial, a new parking lot and an abundance of sky.

And yet people keep coming to this quaint hamlet more than 1,000 a week from near and far to see, just see, the spot where a huge plane and its 44 passengers and crew disintegrated. Yellow ribbons and tiny flags line the route there, along Lambertsville Road, on to Buckstown Road and then, finally, on to Skyline Road.

The cars, many with out-of-state tags, come whether it's bright and sunny or dank and cold. Most don't stay long. Some people gaze down at the land, and then up into the sky. Others just peer out over the hill, pondering those lives that were lost, and their own.

``I always wonder what would have been going through my mind," said Charlie Zuck, of Elizabethtown, Pa., shivering in the cold, biting wind. ``If you didn't know something had happened here, you could just pass it by. There's really nothing here."

Like many who come, Zuck, 53, wanted to pay his respects and answer an internal urge to see the place for himself. The mood is solemn, even among the youngsters who arrive on big yellow school buses. People nudge one another and point, or speak in whispered, library-like tones.

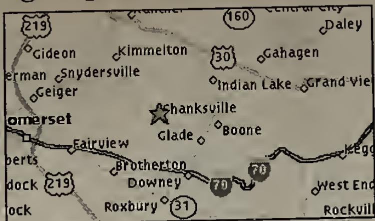
Gary Singel believes he knows why. The plane hit with such force that there were few big pieces, either of the plane or the people who died, to recover.

``Most of their bodies, in essence, are still out there," said Singel, superintendent of the Shanksville-Stonycreek school district. ``One of the family members (of the crash victims) said they consider it a cemetery. In that sense, this is ground that will always be a somber place to see."

Before the crash, few had reason to trek to this field off Skyline Road. It was just an abandoned coal mine, next to a junky-looking metal-recycling facility.

Now Shanksville population 260, two miles from the site and about 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh is mentioned on national and international television broadcasts. At the Somerset exit off the Pennsylvania turnpike, toll takers give out printed directions to those who ask. Locals brace for more publicity as plans progress in Washington for a possible national memorial here at the crash site.

Somerset County is accustomed to visitors because it has three ski lodges, but visitors seldom ventured to Shanksville, locals said. Now out-of-towners visit regularly. At the six-month anniversary of the terrorist attacks, Shanksville United Methodist Church had its first interdenominational service with representatives of Catholicism, Judaism and Islam which the Rev. Ronald Emery said was a bit ``radical" for the town.



-File Photo

As politicians decide what, if any, national monument there will be, area residents have taken charge of the site's upkeep, realizing the town is now part of American history.

Donna Glessner has started a team of 20 volunteer ``ambassadors" who go to the site on weekends to ensure visitors have accurate information: where the plane hit (next to the bank of trees), what happens to the artifacts (they are cleaned, stored and catalogued) and where the flight was headed (Newark to San Francisco).

Barbara Black ends up with everything people leave as memorials. Black is curator at the Somerset Historical Center, about 10 miles away. The center has collected thousands of objects, including original paintings, flags, toys, a well-used softball, Christmas decorations and a United Airlines female flight attendant's uniform. The items are being catalogued and will be turned over if there is an official memorial.

``It's more than just a place where a plane went down," Black said. ``It's about who we are as a nation, how we are perceived by other nations, what we need to do to get along with other nations. We should heal, but we should never forget."

But both women also hear the voices, locally and nationally, of those who believe it's time to move on. Glessner gets it mostly from her children, ages 12 and 15. ``They're real tired of it, and they wish I would be tired of it," Glessner said as she took a break from copying materials at Shanksville United Methodist for summer Bible school. ``But I'm never very far from it."

No one from this community died or was injured in the crash. But on that morning, many literally felt the plane hit the ground.

Emery had just lefr the post office on Main Street and was about to turn on his car radio when the car shook so that he thought someone had bumped into him while parking.

``When you physically felt that impact, those people were going into eternity, and that does affect a community," said Emery, who has three children. ``The kids are ready to move on. They know it's a part of their history, but they're more focused on their future."

Profile of college binge drinkers changes, but problem persists

Stuart Silverstein
The Los Angeles Times

Despite increased efforts to curb binge drinking on U.S. college campuses, the percentage of students who indulge in the practice remains nearly unchanged at 44.4 percent, a 2001 survey shows.

But college drinking patterns are changing, according to the study by researchers at Harvard University's School of Public Health. For example, binge drinking has fallen among fraternity and sorority house residents but has risen on women's college campuses.

``The drinking style on campus is still one of excess," said Henry Wechsler, the principal investigator for the survey and director of college alcohol studies at Harvard. ``It's a stubborn, deeply entrenched behavior."

The survey defined binge drinkers as men who had five or more drinks, and women who had four or more drinks, at least once in the two weeks before the survey. Frequent binge drinkers were those who consumed those amounts at least three times in the previous two weeks.

Wechsler, who has surveyed on-campus binge drinking four times since 1993, called on colleges, universities and communities to take aggressive steps to limit students' access to alcohol. The efforts so far largely have involved educational programs or advertising designed to motivate students to change their drinking habits, he said.

Binge drinking among students at women's colleges has risen steadily from 24.5 percent in 1993 to 32.1 percent last

``Decreasing the availability of alcohol to underage drinkers, limiting the heavy marketing and promotion of alcoholic beverages to college students ... and raising the price of alcohol may be ways to impact this serious problem," he said.

According to the new survey, binge drinking among students at women's colleges has risen steadily from 24.5 percent in 1993 to 32.1 percent last year.

Wechsler was at a loss to explain the increase, but noted that students at women's schools still report lower rates of binge drinking than women at co-ed schools.

On the other hand, binge drinking declined among students living in fraternity and sorority houses from 83.4 percent in 1993 to 75.4 percent in 2001. Even so, Wechsler said, fraternity and sorority houses remain a bastion of binge drinking.

The survey showed other seemingly contradictory trends. For instance, the percentage of students who say they abstain from drinking has risen from 16.4 percent to 19.3 percent over the eight years that the survey has been conducted. At the same time, the share of students who are frequent binge drinkers has risen from 19.7 percent to 22.8 percent.

Overall, the percentage of college binge drinkers has hovered around 44 percent since 1993 despite reported declines in high school binge drinking and a rise in students living in so-called substance-free dormitories.

The survey, taken from February through April, was based on the replies of more than 10,000 full-time undergraduate students at 119 four-year U.S. colleges.

Although some college officials have questioned whether consuming four or five drinks should be considered binge drinking, Wechsler defended that standard. He said that level of consumption is linked to a wide variety of drinking-related problems, including involvement in vandalism and fighting, as well as drunken driving, unprotected sex and sexual assaults.

Life (according to me).

I have a friend who hasn't been alone for more than three months since sixth grade. She's found herself jumping from relationship to relationship, never really content, but unwilling to be without a boyfriend. Consequentially, she's been hurt a whole lot. Yet she simply doesn't know how to spend time on her own.

JON SEWELL

A guy who just graduated last year has told me that the adjustment to the "real world" has been pretty rough on him. He was used to being surrounded 24/7 by his peers, whether at a party, in a classroom, or in his dorm. Oddly enough, his new, older neighbors don't seem to respond as well as we undergraduates did to a late night knock on the door, wondering if they "have any beers."

I think we all know people who simply REFUSE to go to the gym, or, god forbid, the Dining Commons by themselves. It's apparently real embarrassing to be seen eating alone, even something to be ashamed of.

It's times like this that my pretty stagnant social life doesn't seem so bad...

If you've read my column with any sort of regularity over the past couple years, you know that I like to poke fun at the rather sorry state of my romantic endeavors. A lot of you, in fact, have told me I'm far too harsh on myself, that my regular self-deprecations are indicative of some sort of deep-rooted self-loathing. Well, let me set the record straight. I laugh at myself for a number of reasons: 1) most of my social woes are self inflicted, and as we all know, self inflicted pain is just a hoot ("it's funny because it burns..."); 2) I'll never run out of material (see, there goes that sarcasm again); and 3) quite frankly, I'm really pretty content with myself. Sure, I'd like to change a few things here and there. For the most part, though, I'm confident enough with who I am that I don't mind pointing out my little quirks, and trying to see the inherent humor in them.

One of the things I make fun of the most is my (very lengthy) lack of a girlfriend. I laugh at the fact that I'm more comfortable sitting at home with a book or good movie than off at some party. And I don't lie when I tell you that I'd rather get kicked in the teeth than be dragged to City Limitz (not quite a bar, not quite a club, but rather a sort of blub...).

But at the very least, I know I can be perfectly content with my own company. I don't need the constant attention of others in order to be happy. And to tell you the truth, I'm kinda proud of that. See, as far as I can tell, a little bit of autonomy is a good thing, while complete codependence is decidedly less so.

As much as I make fun of myself (oh, by the way, did I mention I've taken "Even Hitler Had A Girlfriend" by the Mr. T Experience, as my new theme song? A fine tune indeed...check it out), I'm pretty happy being me. When all is said and done, I KNOW that I can be alone if need be. I KNOW that I don't go plunging into meaningless relationships just to have a warm body nearby. And I KNOW that come the end of the semester, when I'm suddenly not surrounded by people my own age anymore, I'll be able to handle it (actually, I plan on being an RD somewhere, so things may not be all too different than they are now...but you know what I mean).

Looking this over, I'm not really sure what my point is, and I know I'm not getting the entirety of my feelings across. I guess I'm writing it mostly for myself, as a response to that first friend I mentioned getting hurt once again.

In any event, we lonely quiet guys are allowed to be introspective once in a while, right?

See ya next week.

J. Sewell is a Voice columnist

The Cut

Hey Kids! Did you fail to get asked to the prom? Do you enjoy lame music? Beer lines? Are stinkin' drunks in nice clothes your kinda crowd? Then the Senate Banquet is the place for you! They said that security will be beefed up this year but if your idea of a "grown-up night out" doesn't include a yellow schoolbus ride to a place with a need for "beefed up" security, then hit me up at Seamus2003 @yahoo.com and I'll happily recommend a reasonable upscale restaurant. ("upscale" means less chance of slipping in vomit in the bathroom) Last year on my way out the door the coat check lady asked what high school we were from...

CHRIS WARD

Okay, the Oscars™ were a little boring this year and I've just realized why. Come to find out, the LAPD searched everyone who entered. This means, of course, that recreational drugs of any kind were absent from the Academy Awards™. Actors, in real life, tend to have rather boring personalities. (Perhaps their own personalities are the "blank canvases" upon which they can paint whatever character they need to.) This year's Oscars™ seemed like a night of blank canvases. The "no makeup" statement for women didn't help, nor did Tom Cruise's facial hair fashion tip from Yassir Afarat.

Sissy Spacek should have won for best actress over Halle Berry. Perhaps you didn't realize that women over the age of fifty in Hollywood are generally all done for the juicy roles, while men over fifty star in movies with women thirty years their junior (Sean Connery/ Catherine Zeta-Jones, Harrison Ford/ Anne "changed my mind" Heche, Michael Douglas/Gwyneth Paltrow, etc.). This is the institutionalized sexism/ageism against which Sissy Spacek has fought and won. Instead of recognizing a true Hollywood success story (and their own weaknesses), the academy got to create history and they got their token. That's all I have to say except "Joan Rivers, die, and take your daughter with you."

Meeko says you can tell a freshman, even this far into the year when they should know better, by their Abercrombie everything (don't EVEN get me started on ****) and the non-stop cellphone use. Okay, you look silly sitting at a table with five other freshmen ALL on the phone. Cellphones were probably a status symbol back when only doctors could afford them, now they're just a good way to let people know that you (or your parents) can afford $30 a month and so can whomever you're speaking with. Phone rings in class? Shot dead. Period.

Here's a plug, I did that online thing that Joey did on Friends and now (Shazaam) I'm an ordained minister of the Universal Life Church (Reverend Shiprek). I can legally perform marriages in this state (seriously), so get a hold of me on some Thirsty Thursday and I'll do it for $20. I don't care if you're drunk but you both need to be conscious...please, I've got standards here. Same sex marriage? Not legal yet but not a problem here at the WSC branch ULC; our only official doctrine is "Love thy neighbor." My choice of bible is "The Lords and the New Creatures" by Jim Morrison because it's vague enough to twist to my own interpretation, just like that other one. Oh, yeah, Happy Easter (If it's commemorating the day Jesus was crucified, then why was it such a "good" Friday? Kelley thinks 'cause it was the apostle's first real day off in, like, 3 years. They were definitely non-union).

The Catholic Church is having a problem with homosexual pedophilia right now so everyone is focused upon the Catholic Church. What we are failing to focus on is that homosexual pedophiliacs are also police officers, firefighters, and football players. I understand that the coverup is half the story here but I also recognize that there hasn't been much information on the actual disorder which causes grownups to prey upon children.

Okay I'm out of here, the annual scrotum races are today and I have to shave. (Missin' that GFB)

Peace and balance.

C. Ward is a Voice columnist

Get Fit, Stay Fit

Benefits of Cardiovascular Exercise

Summer is coming and there is no need to feel left out! For all of you couch potatoes out there, it is time for you to shape up and ship out. You know you have been telling yourself to get up. Well now you can. With the nice weather and longer days on its way, there are no excuses not to be physically active in some way. Along with physical benefits there are also many mental benefits to exercise.

Regular physical activities can and will reduces the risk of developing or dying from some of the leading causes of illness and death in the United States. This activity does not have to be strenuous to achieve health benefits. One of the most important benefits is that physical activity helps to lower the risk of heart disease. It also lowers blood pressure, lowers total cholesterol, decreased body fat stores, increases aerobic work capacity, and increases range of motion.

As stated before, physical activity not only has physical benefits but mental benefits also. Exercising regularly makes one feel better. It gives you more energy, helps in coping with stress, improves your self-image, increases resistance to fatigue, helps counter anxiety and depression, helps you to relax and feel less tense, and improves the ability to fall asleep quickly and sleep well. Regular physical exercise tones your muscles, burns off calories to help lose extra pounds or helps you stay at your desirable weight, and helps control your appetite. Regular physical activity can also help with work. It helps you to be more productive at work, increases your capacity for physical work, builds stamina for the other physical activities, increases muscle strength and helps your heart and lungs work more efficiently.

During an aerobic workout many things occur. Your metabolism increases, your body's core temperature increases, your cardiovascular rate increases and your cholesterol levels and cholesterol chemical makeup is altered. Some other benefits are hormonal changes, increases in neural, muscular, and skeletal stimulation, improvements digestion and lymphatic flow, reduces stress, and immune-system resistance increases.

Time does not even have to be taken out of your day. Simply doing common household chores can be considered physical activity. Even taking your dog out or simply washing your car can be beneficial to your health. So shape up and ship out!

Examples of moderate amounts of physical activity:

Common Chores: Washing and waxing a car for 45-60 minutes; Washing windows or floors for 45-60 minutes; Gardening for 30-45 miutes; Raking leaves for 30 minutes, Shoveling snow for 45-60 minutes; Pushing a stroller 1 1/2 miles in 30 minutes,

Sporting Activities: Playing touch football for 45 minutes; Walking 1 3/4 miles in 35 minutse (20 minute mile); Basketball (shooting baskets) 30 minutes; Basketball (playing game) for 15-20 minutes; Bicycling 5 miles in 30 minutes; Dancing fast (social) for 30 minutes; Walking 2 miles in 30 minutes (15 minute mile); Water aerobics for 30 minutes; Playing volleyball for 45-60 minutes; Swimming Laps for 20 minutes; Stair walking for 15minutes; Jumping rope for 15 minutes; Running 1 1/2 miles in 15minutes.

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A Mile In My Shoes

MEG CANNING

If you attended Senior Night last Friday, March 22, most likely you had an awesome time. Everyone I heard from had a great time. Students in the apartments are begging for another. This is the part that confuses me. Why is it that students have an unbelievable time at Senior Nights but haven't bought their Senior Days packets yet?

I know $125 seems like a lot of money. But, when you break it down, you're getting a lot for your dollar. Senior Days packets include lodging May 14-May18 (the only way you can stay on campus), three delicious meals a day and loads of activities.

Some seniors might be hesitant to purchase a packet because they don't really know what Senior Days consists of. Let me describe it for you. You can also look at the tentative schedule posted at the Ely Service Window.

A trip to City Limitz Bar and Grill is planned for the first night of Senior Days. Now, most seniors would ask, "Why would I want to pay money to go to a place I go to every Thursday night?" The reason you'll want to be a part of the group May 14 is that City Limitz is providing a huge buffet of appetizers (this is after your pizza dinner), a world-famous DJ, champagne toast, Budweiser and Miller give-a-ways, games, prizes and drink deals! When you get home from City Limitz (parched and starving from dancing so much) a pancake breakfast will be waiting for you. Sound good? It gets better.

Ray Boston is bringing his summertime party to campus the next day, May 15. He provides two oversized heated pools, music, comedy and free prizes worth $500. On May 16, groups of seniors will compete in a scavenger hunt for tentative prizes such as a DVD player, TV and digital camera. That night get ready for a trip to Chicopee's Hu Ke Lau. The Hu Ke Lau provides a full buffet and special hypnotist show. Full bar services are also available. Fiesta Del Senior is going to be a blast on May 17 with bands, a full Mexican buffet and give-a-ways.

Have you ever been to Naismiths in Springfield on a Friday night? If so, chances are you've listened to the great Greg Poole. He'll be performing after our Senior Slide Show on May 17. Alcohol services will also be available at this time.

Now that you've learned about the Senior Days activities planned for you, let me tell you about the terrific menu we have lined up. The amount and quality of the food provided through Senior Days is incredible. Tuesday, May 14, at 1 a.m., there is a pancake breakfast with chocolate chips, strawberries, butter, syrup, orange juice and bottled water. Breakfast on Wednesday, May 15, consists of assorted cereals, sliced melons, individual yogurts, juice, coffee and milk (skim, 2% or whole). Lunch that day is grilled chicken breasts, caesar salads, pasta salad with oil, spices and veggies, rudy and kaiser rolls with honey mustard or mayo, cheese, lettuce and tomatoes, brownies and cookies and lemonade and ice water. Dinner will be four party subs; vegetarian, turkey, ham and italian cold-cut. There will also be chips, ice cream novelties, ice water and Powerade.

Doesn't this sound yummy? Talk of all this food is making me hungry!

Thursday's food schedule sounds just as good. Breakfast on May 16 will be blueberry and chocolate chip muffins, assorted bagels with condiments, grapes, bananas, individual yogurts, coffee, assorted juices and milks. Lunch consists of 8 oz Rib-eye steaks, vegetable lasagna, German potato salad, fresh green bean salad with schellot vinaigrette, tossed salad with choice of two dressings, watermelon boats with cut-up fruit, and brownie a la mode with assorted beverages.

A full breakfast will be served the morning of May 17, the day before graduation! This includes texas french toast with powdered sugar, butter, syrup, scrambled eggs, bacon, homefried potatoes, assorted pastries with juices, coffee and milk. Lunch at the Mexican Fiesta consists of marinated chicken strips, taco hamburger meat, refried beans, hard and soft shells, chopped tomatoes, lettuce shredded cheddar cheese, sour cream, salsa, tortilla chips and melted cheese with build your own strawberry shortcake, ice water and Powerade.

The morning of commencement whole fresh fruit, assorted muffins, regular and flavored coffee, tea, individual juices and milk will be available to those who purchased their Senior Days packet.

Many commuting students don't seem interested in Senior Days. One student said, "Why should I spend that money if I can walk to the events or just come to campus?" I must be very clear when I say that you CANNOT participate in Senior Days events if you have not bought a packet.

There are also other pros for commuting students to purchase packets. Did you ever think how easy your week would be to not worry about safe transportation or what you're going to make for dinner? Plus, Senior Days is jammed with trips, activities and free stuff.

Senior Days packets are available at the Ely Teller Window for $125 and $140 for guests. Students must be 21+ to participate. The deadline to purchase this delicious food, fun activities and lifelong memories is Tuesday, April 16.

All Senior Days events and food schedules are subject to change without notice. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Student Government at x5429 or e-mail the class council at WSC_Class of2002@hotmail.com.

Remember, "It's all about being with your friends and having a good time." Make your last days at WSC count. Buy a Senior Days packet today!

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Mr. Nice Guy

"I guess it's hard for people who are so used to things the way they are – even if they're bad – to change. 'Cause they kind of give up. And when they do, everybody kind of loses." -Trevor McKinney from the movie 'Pay It Forward.'

SCOTT TOOMEY

I was sitting here in my room trying to make sense of why it's so hard for people to be nice. One thing that's pretty crappy to think is the fact that if I went around campus saying 'Hi' to everyone that I made eye contact with on my walks to classes, I would be known as the weird kid who says 'Hi' to everyone. I wouldn't be known as a nice kid and I'd probably get talked about behind my back all the time. I just can't make sense of that. Everyone always complains about how horrible the world has become but no one ever bothers to do anything about it. Would the attacks of September 11 th ever have happened if people in the world were just nice to each other and accepting of the fact that everyone is different in their own way? I think not.

But you know it's not easy to go out and change the world. It starts real small. It starts in a place like Westfield State College where you have the opportunities to clear a path for the way you want to live the rest of your life. So let's talk about why it's so hard for the students of WSC to be nice to each other.

I hate to tell you, and yeah, I'm being totally honest, but this school isn't much better than the way things are in high school. People stray away from others that aren't like them and try to fit in with what they think are their own groups-Cliques. They suck. But there are a bunch of them here. It's a sad thing to say but the only times that people are really nice to everyone else on this campus are during the first two weeks of school and on Spring Weekend. Why can't it be like that all year? I witnessed an incident that happened my first week of school here. I was in the cafeteria eating my dinner and a kid who was wearing really strange bright colored clothes came in. There was a group of athletes sitting together all at one table and they looked at this kid and started laughing at him and screaming rude comments at him. Now forgive me if I'm wrong but I thought that I already graduated high school. Did these kids at the lunch table really think that they were better than my friend in the funny clothes because they played a sport at a Division 3 college? Or was it the fact that they were just unsure of who they were themselves and to make themselves feel better they needed to cut someone else down? Yeah, I'm definitely thinking the second one too. I mean they didn't even bother to talk to the kid before they started ragging on him. Now, I'm not saying that all kids who play sports in college are heartless bastards who only care about themselves. That would be unfair of me. When they don't let their egos ge the best of them, a lot of them are actually really nice men and women whom I'd like to get to know better. I don't want to center my whole column around athletes though because they are no the only people who can be like this.

Everyone can be like this. But you don have to be. One bad apple spoils the bunch. You've heard that before I'm sure. But it doesn have to be like that. I don't know where I heard this before, but "kill them with kindness" is my philosophy. Just be nice to people and others wil begin to follow suit. You're all probably thinking that I'm the biggest nerd in the world for believing all this. But I prefer to believe in people. The time that we have on this earth is a long one....until it ends. So why waste your time being mean when you can do something so much better? Just be nice. Hold doors for each other. Help each other with your homework. Say 'Hi' to peo ple that you don't know. What's it going to hurt Nothing. While on the other hand, being mea can hurt a lot. It can hurt feelings.

I'm going to do something a little differe with my 'Movie Pick Of The Week' this time. I'm going to say it right here instead of at the end 'Pay It Forward' is a real simple movie with a rea simple idea. Be nice and maybe do a favor fo three different people, and all they have to do in return is pay it forward or, in other words, do th same thing for three other different peopl Sounds stupid doesn't it? But it worked in th movie so I figure why can't it work on the sma campus community of Westfield State Colleg The world will be a much better place whe we're all just nice to each other. Think about it No more broken hearts. No more sad faces. N more wars. No more uncertainties. Hey, for th outcome, I think it's definitely worth a try.

Okay, that's it for this week. One lov Peace.

Three CD's In My Stereo While Writin This Column: 1) Incubus- Morning View 2 P.O.D- Satellite 3) Pearl Jam- Vitalogy

S. Toomey is a Voice columni

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In the Merriam-Webster dictionary, I looked up the definition of opinion. The definition was exactly as follows: a view, judgment, or appraisal formed in the mind about a particular matter. By doing RESEARCH, I found this definition which shows that an opinion is a thought formed in the mind about a particular matter. By doing RESEARCH I found that RESEARCH really isn't needed in forming an opinion.

I wrote an letter that was printed in the opinion section of the Campus Voice, which allowed me to express the judgments and views that I formed in my mind. I never realized that my opinion needed to be RESEARCHED and 100% true.

My opinion is all the more valid therefore, because it represents the shared view of the average WSC student. Perhaps SGA should keep in mind that they represent these students and are responsible for the average student's satisfaction with the headlining act for Spring Weekend. And, if the average student is dissatisfied with the headliner, maybe SGA should do some more RESEARCH and find out what would make the campus happy.

Also, I would like to ask SGA to print the recent cost of performers in the papers, not last year's figures, because it deceives the readers.

I wrote that last article as my opinion, and because of that opinion I have received a lecture over the phone from SGA President Sbane Eldredge (I did RESEARCH to make sure I spelled that right) on how to write an opinion article, and how wrong I was to write such a lie. Now, Angela LaPierre writes an article bashing my opinion; I never knew that my views, judgments that I form in my mind were that wrong and that I could piss this many people off. I can't tell you how many people told me how much they liked my article, but I guess when you don't do RESEARCH, your opinion doesn't matter.

By the way Angela, I work at a concert venue, and I did my RESEARCH and found that Ja-Rule has never sold out any stadium, and only plays solo in very small venues. The only time that Ja-Rulé sells out a stadium is when he is with 10 other acts. I really hope that Run DMC plays a full 90 minute set or I will be very upset.

Jeff Eagan

Dear Campus Voice,

I am responding to a "list" on page twelve of the March 22 release of the Westfield State College Campus Voice. Each week, located somewhere within the Voice, a "list" of some sort can usually be found. Until now I have found these "lists" to be little more than mildly annoying, humorless, and uncreative. But, this weeks list "Top 6 Uses for the New Recycling Bins" to be not only unintelligent, but also completely backwards and discouraging to how students on this campus should be thinking.

Having a recycling program on the WSC campus is long over due, and frankly, I am extremely pleased to see one come into effect. Too much goes to waste everyday and it is up to us as students to act responsible, and eliminate some of this waste through recycling. I'm not sure about this unnamed writer, but I didn't come to college to vandalize, steal, hide from law enforcement figures, or violate school policies. I came to earn an education and become a well-rounded individual. Also, I know we (along with most other students at the college level) are responsible enough to recycle. And, if you're too lazy to take your trash out to a dumpster, perhaps you should do a favor to all the people on this campus who are responsible and confine all of your filth to your own dorm room instead of locating it in the way of others.

Not having a recycling program for so long is embarrassing for us as a student population. Many colleges and universities have had them for years. I used to attend the University of Oregon, and they've had facilities to recycle newspapers, cans, bottles, white paper, colored paper, etc. for years. The truth is, we at WSC are behind when it comes to recycling and now is our chance to catch up with other schools. As students we need to do all we can to support our college and do our best to recycle as much as we can. Recycling is not something that's cool for earthy-crunchies to do, it's not a new-wave idea that's going to pass by in ten years when a new fad can come along, and it's not a stupid idea as it is made out to be in this "list." It's something that must be taken seriously. Recycling is very quickly becoming a part of our lives and it will be a part of our future.

Poking fun of recycling in the light that this unnamed writer did was completely thoughtless and an insult to all students at WSC. To this writer I would like to say, the stereotypes you play into with your "humor" does not reflect me, my friends, or this campus for the most part. Either choose your topics more carefully or find a new way to focus your (not so) creative energies.

Jason M. Renslow
2002

Dear Editor,

In an attempt to broaden the collective view of our student body, a few communication professors have taken to disseminating information overlooked by our national media. These are not erroneous facts, nor are they the work of said professors. They are articles and facts published by foreign and alternative U.S. media, and accessible only to those who look for it. Understanding that the rigors of academia leave little time for independent fact finding and that the nature of our national media is to discredit foreign media (other than tabloids). These professors have dedicated some of their free time to tracking down these facts in an attempt to open up the one sided discourse taking place in our nation as you read.

Furthering this one sided discourse are those who have taken to expressing their views via vandalism. While the views of these brave anonymous souls are appreciated, their heroic display of ideals seem misguided. There is nothing to say that one with a view point different from that on display, can't display their own. While the action of tearing down the ideas of another is probably protected by free speech, it does not make it a reasonable form of communication. By refusing to post one's own information, and instead ripping down some one else's, the student body is robbed of two equally important ideas.

The issue at hand is not one of facts, it is a matter of reason. A reasonable method of supplying information to those otherwise unexposed would be to post them in a high traffic area. An infantile response would be to vandalize or tear down these pieces of information as an expression of "Patriotism".

Colleges and Universities have long been referred to as "Institutes of Higher Learning." They have been the facilitators of new and great thought throughout our nation's history. One of the elements that has shaped our nation is equally as important to our colleges. This is the idea of open discourse, the right of an individual to put forth potentially unpopular information and ideas.

All influential thought has at one time been the minority opinion, and right now in our country, those being referred to as un-American, are displaying the ideals that this country was founded on. It is only through the exchange of divergent viewpoints that great thought can be realized. Had certain individuals not questioned Britain's taxation without representation, you might have bought your coffee this morning at Dunkin' Scones.

As a nation we are at a historical crossroads. Our actions over the next few years will resonate throughout history. The time is upon us as the future of this great nation to take part. They say every generation is presented with an opportunity to prove itself, in the same respect, that generation is given a chance to fail.

Will we be a generation that pushes this nation to realize its potential greatness? Or will we be a generation that stands back and watches the ship sink? I am of the opinion that we will propel this country to even greater heights.

The key to doing this is that we must all come together in a sense. This does not mean that one should forfeit their own views for the sake of unity. It is our individual ideas that make us who we are. We must instead look beyond another's ideals and see the person with the same goals that you have, to make this a world worth living in for all.

No one can fully comprehend their own situation until it is viewed through the eyes of another. On the third floor in the Ely building the walls are covered with thought provoking pieces of information, including a series of postings questioning the real meanings of Patriotism. All are invited to view the hall and encouraged to participate by posting information they feel is relevant to our current social situation.

Tobias Bennet
2003

What You Will

KRISTIN LOIKO

The athletic programs of many colleges and universities are facing major cuts with the current budget decrease, similar to those they took when Title IX was initiated. Title IX, mandating equal opportunities in both men's and women's sports, caused many schools to cut programs. UMass Amherst chose instead to add programs. Now UMass students and student athletes face sacrifices while their favored football program expands.

UMass Amherst currently offers 29 competitive sports, a higher number than many schools after Title IX came into effect. With state-wide budget cuts, 136 athletes will find themselves without a sport to play next year. UMass has felt it necessary to cut men's and women's gymnastics, men's tennis, men's and women's water polo, women's volleyball, and men's indoor track. These seven sports held a $1.1 million budget. The UMass Amherst football program alone racked a $2.57 million deficit in 2001. That same year saw the team play to a losing record of 3-8, failing once more to reach the playoffs. It was the biggest money loser on the Amherst campus in 2001. Yet, with all the cuts, the UMass football program is benefiting.

As of early March, UMass Amherst hired a defensive coordinator at the cost of over $80,000 a year. Compare that to the salary of a full professor, which is estimated at $82,500. While education runs the risk of falling victim to the cuts being made campus wide, the football program is expanding to the cost of a professor. UMass faces halted faculty searches, but feels the need to look primarily at a floundering athletic team instead of to its students. Plans for a raise in student fees and the lay-off of nearly 100 workers while phasing out jobs have been discussed. Only about 20 percent of nearly 400 employees who have applied for early retirement may be replaced.

Some UMass professors have proposed a $1 million cut to the $16.36 million dollar athletic budget. With all of the budget cuts, they feel that every department must help make up for the deficit. State budget cuts have affected all local state-funded colleges and universities. Holyoke Community College President David Bartley has reportedly declined a $17,805 raise. Instead, he chose to direct the funding straight into the college campus community, where he felt it was most needed. Here at Westfield State College, proposed student fee hikes and increased class size have been rumored. How much more will students have to sacrifice due to decreased funding? When will the lines be reset over who should continue to reap the privileges of monetary boosts, while others are left at a loss? The primary purpose of an institute of higher education should be education. Apparently, in the mind of someone, or a number of someones, involved with UMass budget appropriations, class size can increase while professor numbers decrease without concern, so long as the football program continues in its privileged state.

K. Loiko is a Voice columnist

Week Celebrating Women's open mic and poetry night

BY LEIA GEORGEOPOLUS
VOICE REPORTER

A Week Celebrating Women 2002 sponsored an open mic poetry reading Monday night, March 25, in the Ely Main Lounge.

Many different kinds of poems were read that was written by students or famous authors. Many people read and every performer could dedicate the night to a woman he or she wanted to recognize.

The first reader of the evening, a woman named Holly, woke up the crowd up with three original poems about a breakup, mammograms and a cowgirl's trip to the gynecologist.

Senior English major Jen McCollum was the emcee for the evening. McCollum read original poetry and also poetry by her favorite authors. She dedicated the evening to her sister.

The Creative Writing Club gave a presentation of four of their favorite poems. Sophomore Jeremy Gianetti, one of the students involved, said he had a fun time.

Gianetti, who dedicated his performance to his mother, said he was very pleased with the turnout. "I'm happy and kind of surprised that as many guys performed as women," he said.

Liberal Arts major Stuart Ferguson also read for the group. Ferguson presented an original poem about his dreams, a Shawn Co lvin song and a poem by Emily Dickinson. "Writing has always been very therapeutie for me when I'm depressed," he said.

"I tried my hand at poetry and I suck at it," Ferguson joked. The crowd didn't agree and seemed to enjoy his performance.

Professor John Catalini, an organizer for the event, was very pleased by the entire poetry reading. "Jen did a fabulous job. I was very touched and moved by everyone," Catalini said.

The final performance of the evening came from seniors Jon Sewell and Jason Renslow who played "Oh My Sweet Carolina" by Ryan Adams and three original songs written by Renslow. They were great and the crowd definitely enjoyed their performance.

Organizer McCollum had one more thing to add about the evening. "The Week Celebrating Women should be every week," she said.

But as Gianetti pointed out, "Wouldn't that be a year celebrating women?" All in all, it was a wonderful event.

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

Jon Sewell and Jay Renslow perform at the Week Celebrating Women's open mie night in the Ely Main Lounge.

Blade 2 an action packed film

BY NICHOLAS GUARINO
VOICE REPORTER

What happens when you take a decent comic book, turn it into a motion picture and then make a sequel of it? Well usually disaster, but New Line Cinema managed to do something right again with this one.

I can basically sum this movie up in four words, "Blade 2 was awesome." When I heard they were making another Blade movie, I was as giddy as a schoolgirl who just got her first kiss.

If you saw the first Blade movie you know that the ending was left open for a possible sequel. The first Blade movie introduces the Marvel comic book character Blade, played by Wesley Snipes. He is half-human, half-vampire and is on a mission to rid the world of vampires. Blade has all of their strengths and none of their weaknesses. He can walk during the day, silver and garlic have no effect on him but he does have to take a serum to rid himself of the "thirst" for blood.

Throughout the first movie Blade goes around killing vampires and saves peoples' lives with the help of his "mentor/father figure," Whistler (Kris Kristofferson). Whistler helped Blade get off the street and gave him his life back. He also created weapons and things for Blade to kill vampires with. At the end of the first movie, Whistler is killed by the vampires that Blade is hunting, leaving him alone.

Blade 2 begins with him in Prague searching for vampires and his friend, Whistler, who apparently got turned into a vampire before dying in the first movie (you don't know until you are told in the second movie). Blade finds Whistler and turns him back into a human.

The story progresses to a new type of vampire that hunts both humans and vampires. Once you are bitten by this new vampire you become one. Oh, did I forget to mention that these new vampires can't be killed by silver, garlic or being sliced and diced? Their only weakness is sunlight. Because of this, the vampires send a special unit to contact Blade and ask him to help them exterminate these near invincible killers.

The story from here on is that Blade and the vampires special unit go around trying to take out the super vampires. There are a lot of twist and turns in the plot, almost like a Tom Clancy novel. I really thought Blade 2 was better than the first one in ever aspect. The fight scenes were so much better (almost mirroring the Matrix). The deaths of the vampires were much more detailed and the acting was smoother and not as forced as the first.

I went with a few people who haven't seen the first and a few that had. At the beginning of Blade 2, there is a mini recap of how Blade came to be so it answers questions for those who haven't seen the first.

The only problems I had with Blade was during the fight scenes he would get punched in the face and his sunglasses never came off. That was kind of annoying but not major. The other thing was when they did the CG graphics it was pretty obvious. The characters looked distorted and moved too quickly. Again, nothing major since it is a movie about vampires, but that's all I didn't care for.

All and all, Blade 2 ruled. On a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being the worst and 10 the best, I gave Blade 2 an 8.5. It was a solid action-packed movie. If you enjoyed the first you will love the sequel. They really went all out to make it a fast and fun show.

Top 6 Themes for Spring Weekend

6. Condom Mania – They could hand out condoms to promote safe sex. Maybe it could become a day of sex on Ely Hill.
5. Pot Daze – Did you realize that Spring Weekend is on 4-20? Come on, is that not asking for recognition?
4. Mother Earth – Even better than it being 4-20, it's also Earth Day. Let's all hold hands and sing Kumbayah.
3. America – If everyone else is going to profit off of 9/11, why shouldn't we?
2. The '80s – Hell, if the band was cool in the '80s lets put them back where they belong.
1. Hawaiian – I wanna get leid!

Count of Monte Cristo exceeds all expectations

BY AMY GEELEHER
VOICE STAFF

The Ultimate Switcheroo: Lackluster-Nice Guys Finish First

Seeing The Count of Monte Cristo in the theatre for the first time was a great surprise, as it exceeded all expectations I had for this Cineplex flick.

You have to remember that if a movie is being pushed by your nearest conglomerate theatre and has a whole bunch of good looking guys fighting until they eventually get the girl in a sweaty tumble with obligatory gold-in-back-pocket, I'm gonna be skeptical of the quality of the film.

Yes, this might sound prejudice and down right high-budget-movie-racist, but when you've shelled out enough dough to override the GDP of Afghanistan in a matter of months (which is not hard by the way) well, you begin to acquire a deep hatred for the powers that be in Hollywood.

They start feeding you a diet rich in empty calories until you are a gluttonous wasteland, salivating at the mouth every time a pretty face appears on screen. And if this is coupled with some medium grade action, well look out!

What exactly is in the mystery meat in this case? His names are James Caviezel, Guy Pierce, the bad guy's son who looks like they rival in age by a couple of years and the good guy's sidekick. I'm not saying that they aren't good actors, but they sure are pretty (which is an asset right?).

I don't mean to confuse crappy Hollywood Z-grade cheese with this good movie. We meet wide-eyed and innocent Edmund Dantes (Caviezel) who is just finishing a trip, where he gets mooky-stinked into committing political intrigue (very bad) on Napoleon's side, but for good reasons.

Our hero finds himself at the luxury resort, "Chateau D'If," reveling in solitary confinement-madness for years, longing for the taste of vengeance to be sated against the one who did him wrong. Then a serendipitous act of god eomes about that paves the way for the delicious revenge in high society to come about.

I would compare this movie to Shawshank Redemption but I can't because I have morals. Also, this movie made me scratch my boyfriend's hands in a way that cheapens a good parallel comparison. Yes, the action sequences were just that good.

This movie is great; it encompasses essential measures of an action flick that will leave you on your toes by the time the credits roll. There was swashbuckling injustice, fluke meetings that lea to liberation, a girl waiting to b loved and lots of political lies Good acting too-we hate the vil lain and route for the home team reminiscent of our own sord realities and I don't mean the axe of evil.

If it weren't for the K-Ma cheap instances of comic relief wouldn't be surprised if this fil was to win awards, which it prob ably will.

Go see this flick, it will prob ably be better than seeing a poo black man resorting to violen and acquiescing to all such stere types (see John Q). But see because swashbuckling rules an because you are a fan of immin justice.

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Monday - 11:30 pm- 2 am
Tuesday - 11:30 pm- 2 am
Wednesday - 11:30 pm- 2 am
Thursday - 11 pm- 1 am
Friday - 6 pm - 10 pm
Saturday - 12 pm - 6 pm

Juniper Park Open Gym Hours:

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Softball (men, women & coed)
Sand Volleyball (coed)
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Mon, April 1
Time – TBA
Ely 232

Start Thinking About the Homerun Derby

Wednesday, May 1

~Start Swinging a Bat~

Competition Cheering Squad

First Row (L-R): Jessica Alvarez, Stasi Randall, Michelle Holland, Danielle Imprescia, Kristina Wood, Erin Fitzgereld .
Second row: Trisha Stickney, Emily Hartley, Melissa Fitzgerald, Becca Howes, Armanda Sasso, Holly Schmedding, Sarah Manley.
Third row: Peul Bradfield, Michael Meechin, Arvid Tenney, Dan Sirois.

Swimming & Diving Team

First Row (L-R): Kelley Reardon, Dana LedDuke.
Second Row: Courtney Burden, Cathleen Clough, Becky Sirota, Elizabeth Predella, Heather Nelson, Jenny Gilbert, Kim MacKenzie, Erin Flynn, Jessica St. Pierre.
Third Row: head coech Dave Laing, Clare Cournoyer, Nicole Acheson, Kate Denneen, Katie Abare, Carman Wegman, Nicole Spataro, Colleen Boisvert, Kristie Webster, Rob Barabani, Scott Munroe. Missing are Heather Perreault and essistent coach Sue Parker.

Athletes Honored For Academic Excellence

By Mickey Curtis, SID

One hundred and thirteen (113) Westfield State College students have been recognized as scholar-athletes for completing the 2001 fall semester with cumulative grade point averages of 3.0 or better.

The 3.0 Club represents approximately 37 percent of the student-athletes at Westfield State College. In addition, 43 percent of the student-athletes (130 of 305) earned a 3.0 or better semester grade point average.

"We are very proud of all our student-athletes; the way they perform on the playing fields and in the classroom," said Westfield State athletics director Ken Magarian. "I would especially like to thank the faculty, staff and coaches for their support and guidance."

The 3.0 Club students will be honored Wednesday evening, April 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the fifth annual athletics academic reception in Scanlon Hall. The honorees will have an opportunity to invite one of their professors to the reception as their special guests.

The football team leads the way with 18 scholar-athletes followed by men's track and field (12), women's track and field (12), women's cross country (9), and men's soccer (9).

For the third straight year, the women's cross country team racked up the most impressive grades. The team's cumulative GPA was 3.19, followed by the athletic trainers (3.03), field hockey team (3.0), and women's basketball (2.95).

The following is a sport-by-sport breakdown of Westfield State's scholar-athletes:

Basebell (5) Tim Barry, Jeff Bolduc, Seen Couillerd, Mason Keith, Kyle Piazza.

Competitition Cheering (7) Jessica Alverez, Erin Fitzgerald, Emily Hartley, Sarah Manley, Dan Sirois, Arvid Tenney, Kristina Wood.

Men's Basketball (5) Phil Conners, Aboubacar Gassama, Vaso Jaukovic, Ryan Rea, Ethan Slavin.

Women's Basketball (6) Michaela Blaney, Leslie Cooke, Melissa Cote, Shannon Dunlavey, Rebecca Rodrigues, Alissa Tedesco.

Men's Cross Country (4) Tom Bousquet, Nick Burke, Stephen Cole, Matt Frederick.

Women's Cross Country (9) Catie Geldert, Laura Hurley, Erica Mellone, Melinda Nikola, Miranda Osgood, Alyssa Reid, Bonnie Starsiak, Jennifer Stryer, Bridgette Vacanti.

Field Hockey (9) Nikki Britton, Sadie Driscoll, Julieenn Flynn, Renee Gehan, Meghan Perreault, Teri Phipps, Laura Scott, Stephanie Smith, Theresa Yacovone.

Footbell (18) Chris Brown, Steven Brown, John Cloutier, Dave Duquette, David Eeton, Stevie Feniel, Jessie Holmes, Mark Howard, Mike Hurteau, Shewn Lyman, Brien Mazzone, Chris Mulligan, Kyle Piazza, Mike Schleb, Patrick Swett, Dave Trueira, Jesse Winters, Matt Wooliver.

Women'e Soccer (8) Mellssa Albano, Sera Berrows, Kelly Furlong, Jenn Hendry, Michelle Montvitt, Katie O'Brien, Erin Relm, Liz Turini.

Men's Soccer (9) D.J. Conwey, Peter Fager, Brian Ginisi, Jemes Payne, Tyler Roy, Pat Smith, Andrew Thompson, Andy Tighe, Jon Witowski.

Softbell (8) Nikki Benson, Sarah Kalegher, Liza Oliveira, Meghan Perreault, Leah Peterson, Kate Pomerleau, Suzie Scott, Abby Wrinn.

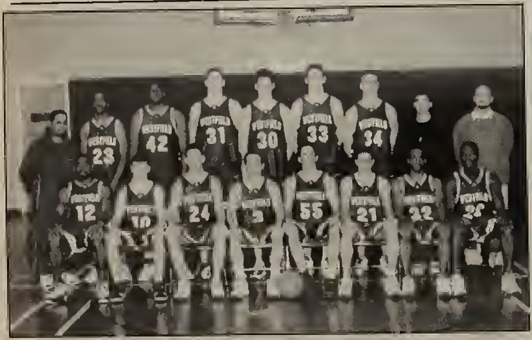
Women's Swimming end Diving (7) Colleen Boisvert, Kete Denneen, Erin Flynn, Heather Nelson, Heether Perreault, Jessica St. Pierre, Kristie Webster.

Men's Track end Field (12) Greg Aucoin, Tom Bousquet, Nick Burke, Devid Eeton, Vinny Ferrecchia, Matt Frederick, Greg Haskell, Salim Ibrahim Peter King, Josh Lewbel, Kyle Piazza Luis Torres.

Women's Track and Field (11 Kate Burke, Laureen D'Amato, Cati Geldert, Shannon Goff, Jen Howard Sue Lynch, Jess Silva, Stephanie Smith Jennifer Stryer, Jackie Vautour, Tiar Wilmot.

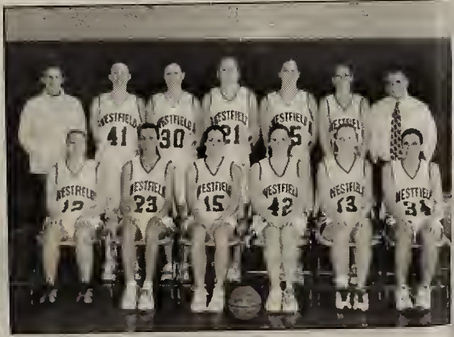
Treiners (5) Glenn Barbour, Chris tine Bolte, Lisa D'Amato, Michael Hal Tara Schuler

Women's Volleybell (6) Kriss Green, Sereh Lund, Jenn Phillion, Lea Schmidt, Katie Simlick, Andrea Tessier



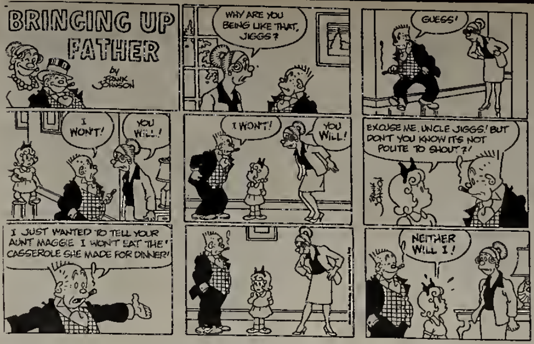
Men's Basketball Team

First Row (L-R):Bryant Jemes, Ethan Slevin, Phil Conners, Chris Caputo, Ryan Rea, Leonard Miller, Patrick Luckett, Aboubacar Gessama.
Second row: assistant coach Stephen Boykin, Allen Murray, Rich Pyle, Eric Gonynor, Vaso Jaukovic, Chris Gonynor, Brian Matuszko, head coach Rich Sutter, assistant coach Junior Delgado.



Women's Basketball Team

First Row (L-R): Brenda Knott, Tara Minishak, Michaela Blaney, A.J. LaBelle, Leslie Cooke. Rebecca Rodrigues.
Second row: assistant coach Holly McGovern, Nicole Sealander, Jamie Bielonko, Melissa Cote, Alissa Tedesco, Shannon Dunlavey, head coach Steve Marcil.
Photos By Mickey Curtis


BRINGING UP FATHER
by FRANK JOHNSON
WHY ARE YOU BEING LIKE THAT, JIGGS?
GUESS!
I WON'T!
YOU WILL!
I WON'T!
YOU WILL!
EXCUSE ME, UNCLE JIGGS! BUT DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S NOT POLITE TO SHOUT?!
I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOUR AUNT MAGGIE I WON'T EAT THE CASSEROLE SHE MADE FOR DINNER!
NEITHER WILL I!

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
1 Skillful
5 In the distance
9 Verve
13 Morsel
15 Oily
16 Ill-mannered
17 Shinbone
18 Horse's gait
19 Invasion
20 Pep it up!
23 The girl's
24 Prohibit
25 Low spots
29 Small pet
33 Story of the Trojan War
34 Farm animals
35 "— Crazy": Paul Davis song
36 Slick
37 Italian food
39 — avis
40 Meadow
41 Soap's target
42 Kitchen utensil
43 Prehistoric
45 Styles
47 Study
48 The best
49 Unrestrained
55 Spy Mata —
56 Aloof
57 Garden soils
59 Saint's picture
60 Earring's place
61 Heroic tales
62 Melody
63 — out: made ends meet
64 Out, feline!

DOWN
1 Pretense
2 Ship's jail
3 Oil job
4 Give forth
5 Takes up or lets out
6 Rolls up
7 Suntan-lotion ingredient
8 Turnip
9 Blunders
10 Hawaiian feast
11 Mine entrance
12 Composer Rorem
14 Went swimming
21 Attention-getting shout
22 Beavers' constructions
25 Pansylike flower
26 UFO pilot?
27 Fragrant shrub
28 "Now I — me down ..."
29 Great success
30 Diane's headgear
31 Heron
32 Lions' sounds
34 Calif. hours
37 Highest point
38 Singer Garfunkel
39 Computer term
41 Act
42 Spicy cuisine
44 Running slow
45 Went duck-hunting
46 Singer Yoko —
48 Sun-dried brick
49 Texas city
50 Steel ingredient
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54 Cheap place to lodge: abbr
55 Belonging to the guy
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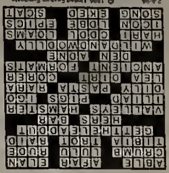

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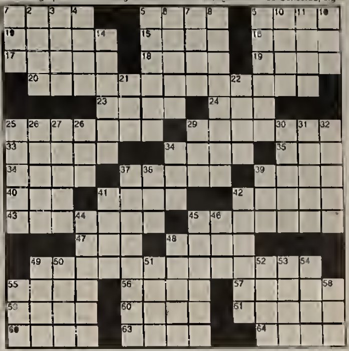
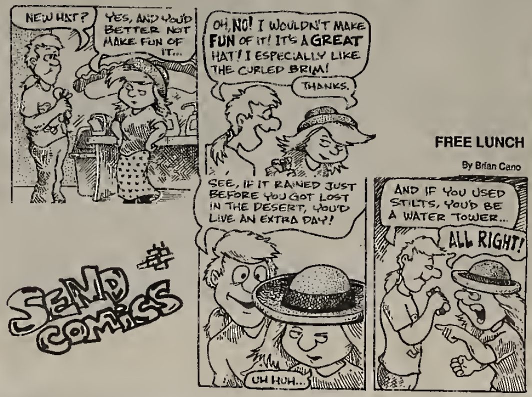


FREE LUNCH

By Brian Cano


NEW HAT?
YES, AND YOU'D BETTER NOT MAKE FUN OF IT...
OH, NO! I WOULDN'T MAKE FUN OF IT! IT'S A GREAT HAT! I ESPECIALLY LIKE THE CURLED BRIM!
THANKS.
SEE, IF IT RAINED JUST BEFORE YOU GOT LOST IN THE DESERT, YOU'D LIVE AN EXTRA DAY!
UH HUH...
AND IF YOU USED STILTS, YOU'D BE A WATER TOWER...
ALL RIGHT!
SEND COMICS

Personals

et caught Drinking

hat's a "D"- O'neil

ice jumper to win the game
teve Bousquet

helly-Shelly-Bo-Belly,
njoy Hapuna, Aloha, girl!

ikey, why was your puke
urple?

ice burn, where ya from?

G is 2 hott to take points

'neil, what's the left hand
amed?

onch and Jon are back on
atrol

m too sexy for my EMT
at

hocka- pay your tickets

o more Mario Tennis. I'm
king it home!! AC
1:00am

-man, you've got a gut!

Franklin St. Late night= Bon Jovi sing alongs

SHOCKA, pay your damn perking tickets you clown!

Big pimpin'

Dan F # 17 is MB

Brian M lives with Jay FAY

Mike in Scanlon, you are SO cute!! I love EMTs!

#17 is a great hunter. He catches tons of bunnies

Fitz, Syracuse is Gee and so are you

Dan F doesn't eat meat on Friday's- except bunny meat

Kid with the backward orange hat!! You are my caf BF

Drinking @ 4 on Thursday. Let's do it again!!!

Who the hell are Boo Boo and Shy Shy??

O'neil/Scott and Ponch/Jon

John in Courtney, 253 is a big stud!!!!

TET better get yourself checked out!!

APRIL FOOLS!!!!!!!!!!

I went to a strip club against my will

Listen to Peg Can-Can and Smelly Park on 89.5!!!! TR 12-2!!! GUYZDIGGIT

I got so excited that I head-butted my dog so hard we both screamed.

To: AKA-Em, Jenn and Liz- Roomate bonding time in MONTREAL- get ready. cya there -Brooke

I have no pants la la la no pants

Hellocoo I'm not here leave a message.... BEEEEEEEP

ARUGHHH!!!!!

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

USEFUL INFORMATION

JUST THE PLAIN FAX

AS SGT. JOE FRIDAY USED TO SAY– "JUST THE PLAIN FAX MA'AM." A PUBLIC FAX MACHINE HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN THE ELY CAMPUS CENTER MAIN LOUNGE. INSTRUCTIONS ARE EASY TO FOLLOW. PRICES ARE OUTLINED FOR EACH USAGE.

WANT SOME CULTURE?

Check out Springfield Symphony Orchestra schedule at the Campus Center Service Window. Student vouchers for $6

NEED A WASH?

Golden Nozzle car wash coupons on sale for $4 at the Campus Center Service Window. Make your car happy and clean!

NEED CASH FAST?

Fleet Bank ATM located in Ely Campus Center Main Level.

DON'T FORGET!

Get your Spring ID stickers at the Campus Center Service Window

GOING SOMEWHERE?

Bus /Train information available at the Campus Center Service Window

ELY CAMPUS CENTER GAMES

Games are located in Ely 131. You must present your student ID in order to take games out. CARDS, CRIBBAGE, DOMINOES, GUESSTURES, LIFE, MANCALA, PICTIONARY, RISK, SCRABBLE, SCATTERGORIES, TABOO, TRI BOND, UNO, YAHTZEE

Activities Line: x5840 / Info Line: x5440 / Class Cancellation Line: x5411

Dining Commons
Mon-Thurs 7:30a-7:00p Fri 7:30a-6p
Weekends 10:30a-1:30p & 4:30p-6p

Health Services
Mon-Thurs 8a-6p Fri 8a-4p Sat 12p-4p
Doctor'r Hrs Mon-Fri 11a-1p
Nurse Practioner: Call for Hours (x5415)

Wellness Center
Mon-Wed 7a-10p Thur 7a-9p Fri 7a-7p
Sat 1p-6p Sunday 4p-9p
x5500 pool info

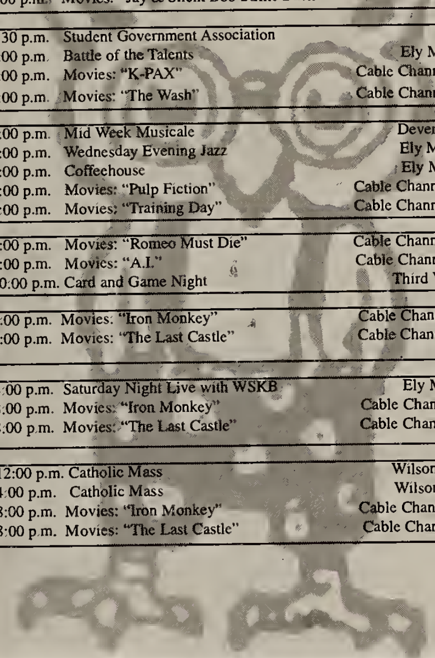
Library Hours
Mon-Thur 8a-11p;
Fri 8a-5pm
Sat 1pm-6pm;
Sun 1pm-9pm

Bookstore
Call x5657
For Hours of Operation

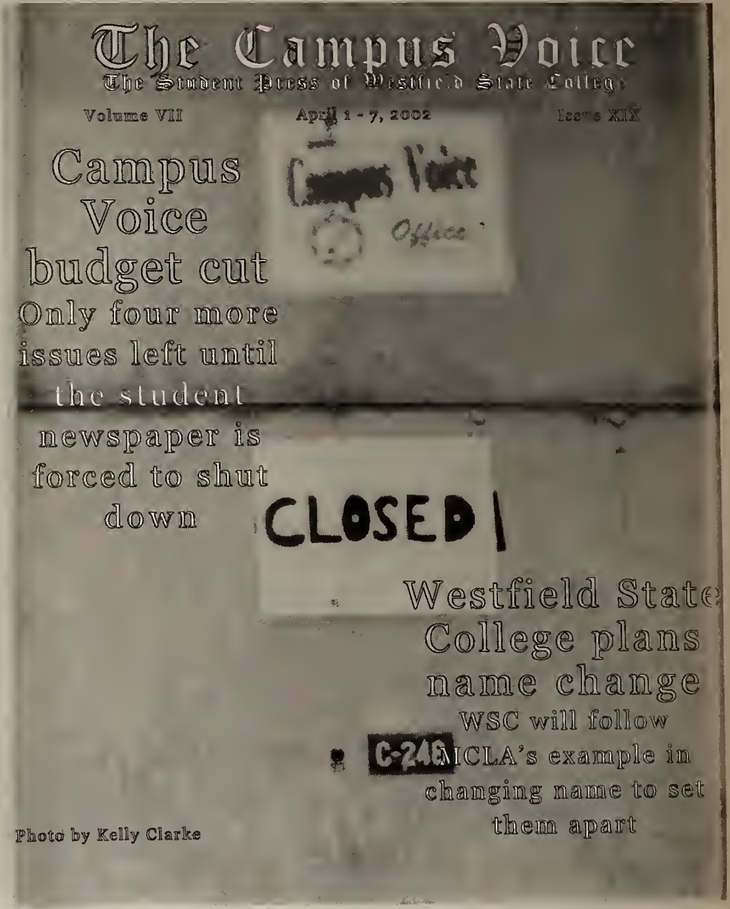
Subway
Mon-Fri 8a-11p
Sat 12p-11p Sun 1p-11p

Events are free & open to the entire college community unless otherwise noted. To have events published on The Back Page please E-mail thecampusvoice@hotmail.com

WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events



Day	Time	Event	Location
Mon 4/1	5:30 p.m.	Campus Activities Board	SGA Office
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "O"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Jay & Silent Bob Strike Back"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Tue 4/2	5:30 p.m.	Student Government Association	SGA Office
	7:00 p.m.	Battle of the Talents	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "K-PAX"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Wash"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Wed 4/3	1:00 p.m.	Mid Week Musicale	Dever Auditorium
	7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Coffeehouse	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Pulp Fiction"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Training Day"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Thur 4/4	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Romeo Must Die"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "A.I."	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	10:00 p.m.	Card and Game Night	Third World Room
Fri 4/5	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Iron Monkey"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Last Castle"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Sat 4/6	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live with WSKB	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Iron Monkey"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Last Castle"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Sun 4/7	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Iron Monkey"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Last Castle"	Cable Channels 56 & 57



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Campus Voice budget cut

Only four more issues left until the student newspaper is forced to shut down

Westfield State College plans name change

WSC will follow UCLA's example in changing name to set them apart

Photo by Kelly Clarke

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NEASC visits WSC

By Alison Close
Voice Reporter

After a one-year delay because of collective bargaining with faculty contracts, WSC is seeking reaccreditation, which was last renewed in 1991. A visiting evaluation team is scheduled to come to campus April 7-10.

"The accreditation process is a way for the college to look at itself and get feedback from peers. It helps us analyze ourselves and seek ways to improve our institution," said Vice President of Academic Affairs William Lopes.

WSC is currently accredited by the Commission of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and has been a member since December of 1957.

The NEASC is one of the six regional accrediting agencies in the

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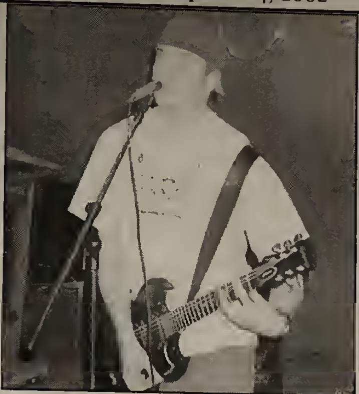

-Photo by Elizabeth Lafond

No Intention and Schekta took second and third place at The Battle of the Talents. No Intention (above) tied for third with their fellow local punk band Scattered at Tuesday night's competition. These bands, as well as Schekta (right) will be performing Friday, April 19 in the Ely Campus Center for the kickoff of the Spring Weekend festivities.

Three Apples High rocks its way to Spring Weekend

Concerts to include rock, hip-hop, and punk acts

By Elizabeth LaFond
Voice Reporter

After six hours of competition, winners for the Battle of the Talents were announced just after 11 p.m. last Tuesday, April 2.

Three Apples High took first place in the Battle of the Talents. Schekta took second place and No Intention and Scattered tied for third place.

Nine bands competed for a spot on the stage Spring Weekend for Friday or Saturday, April 19-20. Each band had 40 minutes to convince 5 judges that their band would deliver the best show for Spring Weekend. This time limit included setup and breakdown.

Many students had different opinions on the various bands.

"I want to see a variety of bands at Spring Weekend because everyone has different tastes in music," said junior Shawna Russell.

The bands in the competition had a different flare, ranging from punk rock to classic rock, rap metal, and even alternative country.

"The Battle of the Talents went really well and I think Westfield will be happy with the winners," said Vice President of Programming Angela LaPierre.

Each band attracted friends and admirers to listen and cheer. "I think Schekta is incredible! They have a great sound. I hope they get a chance to play because they really deserve it,"

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Westfield State's own unsolved murder mystery resurfaces

By Santina Chiusano
Special to the Voice

For decades, students at Westfield State College have exchanged stories on the mysterious and creepy basement that was used as a morgue in the days before Scanlon Hall was a dormitory.

And for the curious at heart, some may have ventured up the A tower in Davis Hall to get a peek at the condemned room formally occupied by an obsessed boyfriend, who hung himself due to a lack of attention from the girl he possessed.

Yes, these myths, along with other stories, echo through classrooms and are told with more fierceness than of what the Ancient Mariner could ever possibly achieved.

But, beware of the fallacies. If a man by the name of Lewis B. Allyn, a former WSC chemistry professor who was brutally murdered over 60 years ago, ever maneuvers his way into the stories passed from mouth to ear, believe it. It, in fact, is not myth, but instead the worst crime ever committed and unresolved in the history of Westfield.

Picture Westfield in 1940. The Westfield State Teacher School was situated where City Hall is now, and in the month of May, 29 graduates would make up the college's graduating class.

Dickinson Hall wasn't a co-ed dorm where the music piercingly thumped, but instead an austere all-female dormitory that housed 70 women behind the old Normal School.

"Whip City" wasn't a place where karaoke was obnoxiously sung and BBC was on tap, but a prominent nickname given to Westfield because it supplied 95 percent of all whips used in the country.

It was a year Westfield residents will never forget. It is a time that fills up history archives because someone, somewhere, got away with murder.

Lewis B. Allyn was a 5'6", white-haired, extremely intelligent man. He was a chemistry professor at the second state

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Students travel to Boston to lobby against budget cuts at state house

By Jennifer Prior &
Julia Westbrook
Special to The Voice

Tuesday, April 2, ten Westfield State College students traveled to the state house in Boston to meet with state legislatures to discuss budget cuts affecting their school and higher education last Tuesday Night.

"We went to the state house to reassure the legislators that the students and administration of WSC care about their college community and are opposed to the cuts in their budget," SGA senator Rhiannon D'Angelo, a Political Science major said.

The students joined delegates from the nine other state colleges to show that the cuts are affecting their education and that college students care about their schools and their education.

Students met with legislators and distributed information packets about WSC and how the budget cuts are affecting the school. Legislative aids took the place of senators and representatives who were not present.

"We came to the state house to lobby against the budget cuts and to learn how the cuts are going to effect the WSC community," freshman Mike Beagley, a representative from Dickinson Hall, said.

The students visited the representatives and senators for the Westfield/Springfield Districts and those who represent their individual hometowns. The students successfully discussed budget matters with Senator Brian Lees (R-1st Hampden/Hampshire District), Senator Linda Malconian (D-Hampden District), Representative Stephen Buniconti (D-6th Hampden District), and Representative Kathleen Teahan (D-7th Plymouth District).

Senator Brian Lees said he

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Michelle Branch shows talent and creativity with her debut CD "The Spirit Room." Turn to Page 12 for a review.

WSC Men's ice hockey gets new coach. Check out Page 14 to find out who will be taking over.

SGA has charitable projects in the works

By Joseph Fountain
Voice Reporter

On a night most WSC Senators thought the meeting would be canceled because of housing signs-ups and lobbying efforts of senators in Boston, quorum was finally met and the meeting ran from 5:35 p.m. until 6 p.m.

The Adopt-A-Highway program will be held on April 24. If you would like to help clean up a section of a local road, call the Student Government Association x5429.

There is a campus fund-raiser to purchase new mannequins for the American Red Cross. Its goal is to raise $850 by the end of the school year. The contact person for this is the EMT Club, SGA and Kaitlin Kennedy. Please donate any spare change to American Red Cross cans.

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"This is an effort to strengthen relations between Westfield State College and the American Red Cross " Kennedy said.

There was a request for chaperones for dances Friday nights, April 26 and May 3, at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Westfield and Southwick. "It's a fun time. You can add it to your resume. You're out by 10:30 p.m. and there's free pizza," Class of 2002 President Meg Canning said.

The Salute to Seniors will be held April 30, 2-7 p.m., in the Ely Main Lounge. This is a chance for seniors to purchase caps and gowns for $44.10, complete financial aid exit interviews and learn everything they need to know about graduation. Seniors with questions are encouraged to e-mail the class council at WSC_Classof2002@hotmail.com.

In other business, SGA approved funding for the Latino Association for Empowerment's semi-formal, which will be April 18

The Class of 2004 President Lindsay Callahan announced the class would be selling WSC scrub pants for $20 a pair. If you are interested in buying a pair please contact any of the class officers or SGA at x5429.

As of last Tuesday at 4:30 p.m., 815 Senate Banquet tickets had been sold from the Ely Service Window. Since 950 tickets are available, sales were extended until Wednesday, April 3, at 4:30 p.m.

From the Editor's Desk

Make your voice heard

Last week, members of the Westfield State student body travelled to Boston to meet with state legislators to discuss the budget cuts that have been handed to the state colleges. Student representatives from the other Massachusetts state colleges participated in this event as well, and about 90 students from across the state were there to get a message out.

Unfortunately, only ten WSC students got to make this trip and speak out against the budget cuts that have angered every member of this campus community. Many others wanted to go on this trip because these cuts are directly affecting them, but there was only room for a few. This resulted in some students becoming upset that only a select group of ten students got to meet with the legislators, and feeling left out of the process and that their voices were going unheard.

The ten students that went made the trip to advocate on behalf of all of the students, but it is understandable that many feel left out. Students want to do something themselves to help the cause and to get the message out that the budget cuts are wrong and public higher education needs money to continue to be as successful as it has been in the past. This is why we have printed the letter on the bottom of this page. I urge all of you to cut out this letter, sign it, and mail it to either the local state representative from your home town or to the representatives from the Westfield area. We really cannot make the process of getting your opinion heard much easier. All that's left for you to do is look up who your state legislator is on the internet at www.state.ma.us/legis/citytown.htm, put this letter in an envelope, stamp it, and throw it in the mail. Or, if you're feeling ambitious, write your own letter. This letter we wrote is just a basic letter that you can mail in, or use to help you get started on your own.

While it was great that the ten students went last Tuesday to advocate on behalf of state colleges, it will take the effort of all of us to make a change. Please use this easy opportunity we've provided you with to let the state legislators know that they cannot get away with cutting higher education's budget, and that we will not be quiet until state college funding has been restored.

Laura Cyr
Editor-In-Chief

Dear Massachusetts State Legislator:

I am writing to voice my opinion against the budget cuts the Massachusetts legislature has placed on the state colleges. Due to the recent cuts, state colleges are planning fee increases of hundreds of dollars, larger classes, cutting back on upper level courses, eliminating independent studies, and not replacing retiring faculty and staff. These actions are all to compensate for the shortage of funding.

Students who attend public higher education institutes have in the past received a quality education for an affordable cost. Public higher education enables many students to go on to college who couldn't normally afford it. Students who go to public colleges in Massachusetts generally stay in the state to find work. Eighty percent have jobs in the state one year after graduation. Graduates of state public colleges greatly contribute to the growth of Massachusetts' business, industry, and public services.

Funding to Massachusetts' public higher education must be increased. I urge you to restore funding to the state colleges and universities. Students and alumni of public higher education greatly contribute to the state of Massachusetts; therefore, the future of the state and its young people depend on it, and depend on you to restore its funding.

Sincerely,

Westfield State College Student

Murder

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Normal School in Westfield and took his endeavors out of the classroom when he started testing local food off grocery store shelves for dangerous food additives.

Some of the food he tested, for example chocolate, he found polluted with "saccharin for sweetness and instead of gelatins, glue for cheapness." And if that wasn't enough, pickles he tested, made by a New York Company, had "traces of horse urine" found within their juice.

Not only were Allyn's findings correct, he would publish the list of foods and their distributors for Westfield residents to read. Needless to say, the more attention that grew for Allyn, the faster he created enemies—one being the food industry.

"If curses could kill," a local reporter wrote in 1915. "He would have been annihilated."

Allyn became famous for his accomplishments and put Westfield on the map. Collier's wrote about Allyn's book, The Westfield Pure Food Book, and not too long after that, McClure's magazine sent a reporter to Westfield to do a profile on him. But Allyn's research was making many people mad. The state legislature who funded the Normal School at the time forced Allyn to give up his 24-year teaching position because of the negative notoriety.

But that didn't stop Allyn.

He invented a food concentrate formula in a secret code. He almost perfected substitutes and was experimenting with the development of synthetic rubber and steel. He also created a test to distinguish whether or not horses at racetracks had certain drugs within their bloodstream so big shots could rig races. Eventually, Allyn's secrets would somehow be his demise.

On May 7, 1940, he sat down to read a C.A. Forrester novel ironically titled The Gun, when he put it down due to distraction on the outside porch of his 69 Western Avenue home.

According to a story written in Yankee in 1982 by Michael McCartney, police believed Allyn walked onto the porch to either let someone in or encounter somebody on the way out. His wife heard "a few loud exclamations," followed by "four popping sounds."

> **"Allyn made a lot of powerful enemies in the Mafia...Those guys are nobobody to fool around with." Patrolman Michael O'Rourke, who arrived within minutes to the scene of Allyn's murder.**

Patrolmen Michael O'Rourke and Malcolm MacDonald arrived within minutes from Springfield and found Allyn shot four times: once in the mouth, once below his right eye, in his stomach and once in his chest.

Many people were suspects, including a stranger parked in the street prior to the crime, a man who purchased .22 caliber bullets from a local hardware store earlier that day and the possibility of "hit men." Allyn's former secretary, a beautiful woman who was romantically linked to then Chief of Police Allen Smith, was also questioned.

A Westfield police officer, whom refused to be identified, claims a .22-caliber pistol once used for target practice by local police has been missing from the department's arsenal since the week of the crime.

The murder weapon was never found.

"Allyn made a lot of powerful enemies in the Mafia," O'Rourke told McCartney over 15 years ago.

"Those guys are nobody to fool around with."

MacDonald didn't speak as freely as O'Rourke but added that he thinks he knew who killed Allyn and said he might have been able to help solve the case. But, he said, investigators "waited six months before they even got around to questioning me. By that time, the trail was cold."

The murder files can't be open because even 60 years later an arrest can be made, according to the Springfield Police Department. There is no morgue to tell tales about, and if a room in Davis Hall is condemned, a suicide did not lock the door. Lewis B. Allyn was murdered, and he may have taken the questions that still baffle us to his Montgomery grave 62 years ago.

As for his assassin, he or she may be walking throughout these quiet Western Massachusetts hilltowns, knowing that in March of 1940, he or she indeed got away with murder.

Summer Employment 2002
Westfield State College
Ten Week Positions:
Maintenance Worker I (10 positions)
Maintenance Worker II (1 position)
Power Plant (2 positions)
Administrative Services Staff Support (2 positions)
Institution Security Officer (ISO)/Summer Conference Program Security (1 position)
Lifeguard (2 positions)
Conference Aid (6 positions)
Conference Operations Assistant (1 position)

To find out job descriptions and pay, contact the Human Resources Office.

Interested students should maintain a summer employment application online at http://www1.wsc.ma.edu/humanresources or via the Human Resources Office, 333 Western Ave.
572-5637
Review of Applications will begin immediately and continue until the positions are filled.

Voice of The Week

Jonathan Morgan

NAME: Jonathan Morgan

HOMETOWN: Natick

POSITION: Lead singer of Three Apples High, winners of the 2002 Battle Of The Talents

FAMILY: Four siblings: two sisters (21 and 6) and two brothers (20 and 8)

YEAR: 2002

MAJOR: Regional Planning

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: That I'll be gone soon.

LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: The RA who set me up.

HOBBIES: Hockey and Baseball

FAVORITE QUOTE: "The way of life is as quick as the blink of an eye" -Jimi Hendrix

FAVORITE FOOD: Outback

FAVORITE TV SHOW: I don't watch all that much TV

PERSON YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: Jimi Hendrix

FUTURE DREAM CAREER: Owning a Business that involves very little maintenance

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What do you think of the 'Spring Weekend' lineup?

"I THINK RUN DMC IS TERRIBLE."

Mark Howard
2003
Communication

"I'LL BE THERE WATCHING THEM. IT'S A GOOD LINEUP"

Christina Rajotte
2005
Early Childhood

"SHEKTA SHOULD HEADLINE INSTEAD."

David Eaton
2002
Criminal Justice

"IT SUCKS."

Shalonda Edwards
2005
History

"I'M NOT A BIG FAN OF PUNK, BUT BIZZ TELLS ME RUN DMC IS COOL."

Bizz Predella
2005
Kerrin Clark
2005

"I THINK IT'LL BE GOOD BECAUSE I GOT SPLITSHIFT AND THEY RULE. "

Mike Berman
2003
Communication

Voices Overheard compiled by Tom Perron

Boston

-Photo by David Harris Fried

Jennifer Prior, WSC junior (left) and Julia Westbrook, WSC senior (cntr), talk with Jim Boyle, Representative Paul Caron's Chief of Staff at the State House in Boston. Prior and Westbrook were among the ten WSC students to travel to the State House. About 90 students from the various State Colleges came to Boston to discuss with lawmakers the impact of the budget cuts on education.

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appreciated the students' interest in the budget and their concern for their school. He said legislators are working hard to find ways to account for the budget deficit.

"I believe that our presence here was not only important but effective, especially as WSC students conveyed a professional image which represents the overall quality of education the institution provides," SGA representative Lauren Sterley, a sophomore, said.

Representative Kevin Fitzgerald (D-15th Suffolk District) provided lunch for the delegates and allowed them the chance to see the voting chambers and to mingle with the Commonwealth's representatives as well as the representative from the other state colleges.

"It was a very productive and educational experience for both students and representatives. Hopefully today's work will bring about positive feelings towards higher education," WSC Assistant to the President Barry Maloney said.

"The WSC delegation represented the college extremely well and it was very positive for the students and administration to work together to attain a common goal," he said.

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Reaccreditation

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country. Over 200 colleges and universities in New England belong to this agency.

According to NEASC, accreditation is a status granted to educational institutions that have been found to meet or exceed stated criteria of educational quality. Its purpose is to assure the quality of the institution and to assist in the improvement of the institution.

One step in the process of accrediting higher education institutions takes place through peer evaluation by a team organized by NEASC consisting of teachers, librarians and other faculty.

"These people are employees of institutions like our own, people who take time out of their own lives to come and give us feedback and help us with this process for three days," Lopes said.

The peer evaluation is just one of the three steps, which also includes an institutional self-study as well as a commission review and action.

Lopes said about 25-35 faculty and staff prepared a self-study of 100 pages that responds to certain criteria regarding the NEASC standards. He said the 11-chapter study challenges the institution to measure its achievements as well as identify ways in which certain objectives might be improved. Lopes added the study describes what the institution does, analyzes how well it achieves its objectives and projects any future actions necessary to fulfill its goals.

The commission reviews the self-study, the visiting team report and responses made to the report by the institution. It also includes a meeting with the institution's chief executive officer and the team's chair to discuss the accreditation decision.

President of the Student Government Association Shane Eldredge said that despite the ramifications of recent budget cuts, WSC has been doing everything possible to diminish the impact of the cuts. "I don't feel that the cuts will affect the school's current accredited status," he said.

"It would take a lot for the school to lose its accreditation. This is an important process to go though, but it's not a life and death situation," Lopes added.

Vice President of Student Affairs Arthur Jackson said, "Schools that do not pass the review are given time to correct the problem areas. If not corrected, the school is put on probation then the accreditation is taken away until the weaknesses are rectified."

Lopes explained that accreditation is not mandatory for colleges and universities but there are several repercussions to not having accreditation status.

He said if the school was not reaccredited or chose not to seek such status, one consequence would include the college's inability to register for Federal Financial Aid. More importantly, the credibility of the college would diminish greatly in the eyes of students and faculty.

"We all have certain standards and we want to know that the place we choose to work or learn meets such common standards. Why would any student or faculty member choose a school that is not accredited when there are hundreds more to choose from that do have such standards?

"It's a chance to tell people that the college lives up to certain standards, which are very comprehensive."

Jackson added, "The accreditation process allows colleges to give degrees that are accepted by agencies in the private and public sectors, such as companies, other colleges, and federal, state and local government. Although not mandatory, having a degree from a non-accredited college is usually not accepted for jobs or graduate schools."

Lopes said the evaluating team that will visit this week is here to reaffirm that we live by those standards. Examples include whether the college has sufficient faculty, whether its publications sufficiently portray the institution, and whether its library is acceptable and credible, among other criteria.

The visiting team will spend much of its time speaking with faculty, staff and students. Lopes added that the school will provide this team with as much information as possible, from course syllabi and staff resumes to course catalogs.

"Although the team evaluation is a key part of the evaluation process, the most important part is the self study," Lopes said. "Peering into one's own stomach is a good and helpful thing.

"The goal of this entire process is to be honest. It's alright with the NEASC to be imperfect, but to recognize shortcomings and assess what should be done next is the main goal," he said.

There will be an open forum for students and faculty, which will be run by the evaluation team, at 11a.m. on Wednesday, April 10 in Scanlon Hall. There, the head of the visiting team will speak of his analysis and conclusions of WSC. Lopes urges all students to attend and be a part of the accreditation process.

Campus police have same training as state police, lower pay

By Joseph Fountain
Voice Reporter

There are 15 special state police officers that protect the 5,000 WSC students of which 2,000 live on campus. The officers go through 14 weeks of training at the State Police Academy in New Braintree and another nine weeks training full-time on the job before they can go out alone.

WSC police officers have arrest powers, can issue traffic citations, investigate and write reports on criminal investigations. Fifty percent of the force has at least a bachelor's degree and there is no Quinn Bill that allows them to get raises based on education.

They are, in every way, State Troopers, except they don't have the same salary as a state trooper or even a local police officer.

At $23,000 a year, they make less than a manager at McDonalds and they have put their lives at risk. Some disagree about the dangers of being an on campus police officer, but anytime you put on a badge, there are inherent dangers to the job.

The maximum pay for police officers is $34,000. According to Lieutenant Michael Foyle, it takes 10 years to reach this level. Officers get some fringe benefits like tuition remission for classes at WSC and a good insurance program, but all state employees get free tuition at state colleges and great insurance benefits.

For example, a legislative aide at the statehouse make over $29,000 a year and gets all the same benefits as an officer but does not have to carry firearms or deal with belligerent people on a regular basis.

Campus police officers are part of the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees. Their bargaining unit is with the Maintainers Union, which means they are vastly outnumbered in terms of contract negotiations.

"Police officers work holidays, weekends and are on the job 24 hours a day. I worked as a state trooper and my wife was a nurse. We both had to work Christmas day and we had two children. What do you do with your kids on Christmas?," Chief Paul Scannell asked.

"That's the toughest part about the job. I remember putting my roof rack on my car, going to work and my kids were coming home from school and they wanted to talk about their day. That's what I remember," Scannell said.

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Bat food linked to disease

The Washington Post

A pair of scientists think they have finally figured out why native people in Guam have been prone to a bizarre and devastating brain disease that produces symptoms similar to those of Lou Gehrig's, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases.

Famed neurologist Oliver W. Sacks of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx teamed up with Paul A. Cox of the National Tropical Botanical Garden in Hawaii to investigate the baffling case of the Chamorro people of Guam, who have long been afflicted by a disease dubbed ALS-PDC.

During ceremonial occasions and at social events, the Chamorro have a tradition of eating a type of bat known as the flying fox, which feeds on the cycad plant, which has seeds that contain a toxin that can damage brain cells, the researchers realized. The Chamorro knew the cycad seeds could be toxic, and they went to great lengths to detoxify them when they used the seeds to make flour. But it turns out the bats also eat the seeds, and the toxin could accumulate in their fat.

``Chamorro consumption of flying foxes may have generated sufficiently high cumulative doses of plant neurotoxins to result in ALS-PDC neuropathologies, since the flying foxes forage on neurotoxic cycad seeds," the researchers wrote in the journal Neurology.

Little warmth goes a long way

The Washington Post

Global warming is causing birds to start breeding and singing earlier in the year, plants to flower sooner, frogs to spawn more quickly and a wide range of other ecological changes to happen around the globe, according to a new analysis.

Gian-Ret Walther of the University of Hanover in Germany and colleagues reviewed the scientific literature on changes in plants and animals reported around the globe over the past century.

The researchers found a ``coherent pattern of ecological change across systems" linked to global warming, according to a report in the March 28 Nature.

That includes trees growing in higher altitudes in Europe and New Zealand, shrubs growing in new parts of Alaska, butterflies appearing farther north in Europe and North America, and foxes moving north in Canada.

``The implications of such large-scale, consistent responses to relatively low average rates of climate change are large," the researchers wrote. ``The projected warming for the coming decades raises even more concern about its ecological and socioeconomic consequences."

A 9/11 baby boom?

RICHARD MORIN
THE WASHINGTON POST

Expect more babies, more marriages and more divorces in New York City in the year following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, predict two psychologists who study how couples react to disasters.

That's because life-threatening events seem to motivate ``people to take significant actions in their close relationships," Professors Catherine Cohan of Penn State University and Steve Cole of UCLA write in the March issue of the Journal of Family Psychology.

At least that's what happened after Hurricane Hugo slammed into South Carolina in 1989, temporarily reversing a decade-long drop in the marriage rate there and sending the number of births and divorces shooting upward, Cohan and Cole report.

The evidence for their claim is limited but intriguing. Cole and Cohan analyzed South Carolina vital statistics data from 1975 to 1997 to track birth, marriage and death rates before, during and after Hurricane Hugo hit. In particular, they compared the statistics in the 24 counties declared disaster areas with the rates in the state's other 22 counties.

Many researchers have studied how disasters have affected mental health. But no one has studied how disasters affect couples and their decisions to marry, divorce or have children, Cohan claims.

What Cohan and Cole found seems to be at odds with each of the two leading theories about the effects of such disasters. One theory suggests that higher levels of economic and psychological stress lead to more divorces, as well as fewer marriages and births. But advocates of ``attachment theory" cite evidence showing that people seek ``proximity" during times of high stress, which suggests that marriage and birth rates might rise and the divorce rate might fall.

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In fact, neither theory had it exactly right in the case of Hugo: The birth, marriage and divorce rates all spiked upward, Cohan and Cole found.

Before Hurricane Hugo, the marriage rate in South Carolina had been in decline, falling at an annual rate of 26 per 100,000 between 1975 and 1989. That downward drift came to a halt with the killer storm. The marriage rate statewide increased to about 44 marriages per 100,000 population in 1990, then fell again to pre-storm levels in 1991. (The overall marriage rate in South Carolina was about 2,200 per 100,000 in 1991.)

Births also increased. The birth rate in the years before Hugo had been flat. But in the year after the storm, the birth rate increased by about 41 births per 100,000 across the state. It fell back to pre-storm levels the following year.

But Hurricane Hugo also wreaked havoc on existing marriages. In the 12 months following the storm, the divorce rate rose by about 30 per 100,000 South Carolina residents before returning to pre-hurricane leels.

The research also suggests that the more immediate the danger, the greater the post-disaster effects. The birth, marriage and divorce spikes were significantly higher in the disaster-declared counties than in the other counties. And the rates were higher still in the seven counties that were first declared disaster areas.

Cohan and Cole say they don't know precisely why the rates went up. ``The data tell us what people did, not why they did it," Cohan said.

But the spike in all three indexes is an important clue, according to Cohan. ``What that said to us is that, in a life-threatening situation, people are motivated to reevaluate their lives, their goals, their futures and their priorities," she said. ``There may be a feeling that life is too short and they are motivated to change whatever situation they are in, whether it is getting into a marriage or getting out of a bad relationship or having a child."

Even though Hugo was a natural disaster and Sept. 11 was the work of terrorists, Cohan said she's looking for a New York boomlet in births, marriages and divorces. ``Given the fact that both were life-threatening, given the fact that both had long-standing negative economic consequences, I would expect that we'll see similar patterns."

She doesn't expect a similar effect in the Washington area, however. While tragic, the impact of the attack on the Pentagon was more limited, she said.

There's already some anecdotal evidence of a Hugo effect in New York: Cohan noted that stories in the New York newspapers have reported changes in dating patterns that appear similar to those she and Cole found in South Carolina.

``There have been a number of reports in the aftermath of Sept. 11 about people either dumping girlfriends or boyfriends or jump-starting a new relationship or one that was not that intense," she said.

At companies in crisis, employees turn to one another to keep morale up

AMY JOYCE
THE WASHINGTON POST

What happens to the employees whose company _ the organization they sweat for, are paid by, and think about day and night is suddenly the Bad Boy in the news? How can morale remain high and work get done? Will everyone run at the first sign of trouble? Can employees remain loyal in a tumult?

Employees at Arthur Andersen LLP, for instance, have to deal with more than bean-counting right now.

At first there were just a lot of questions, said Kara West, a manager in risk consulting at Andersen's office in the Washington suburb of Tysons Corner, Va. ``You get worried about what's going to happen with the company you depend on," she said. ``Then you get mad. We're at an angry part where we're trying to do what we can to fight back."

Employees in West's office say recent events have brought them closer together and often spurred them to work harder. Not only are their colleagues not running from the maelstrom, said employees, but one even returned to the office three weeks ago after a short stint at another company. He missed the people at Andersen.

``When you spend all this time with these people, they become friends and colleagues," said Debra White, a senior consultant in the office, so getting through the bad stuff is much easier.

Those who have already felt the heat from the negative spotlight have an idea of what the Andersenites are going through.

Andersen employees in the Washington area say that right now they're focused on helping one another.

Lisa Jacobson worked in the Washington office of Enron Corp., in the environmental strategies group, and started shortly before things started to heat up.

``It was a real challenge. I was pretty gung-ho to get started with my work," she said. ``I was trying to stay focused as long as I could."

Jacobson's friends, family and colleagues advised her to keep at it through the dark times and continue with speaking engagements and other work.

``Having to sit in front of people and talk about something substantive was just miserable," she said.

Andersen employees in the Washington area say that right now they're focused on helping one another. In fact, it is probably those coworker relationships that have caused employee morale at Andersen to be more rah-rah than bye-bye.

Coworkers have always spent many hours on projects together, and the Andersen culture encourages bonding, with company-sponsored happy hours and outings.

But despite the cheerleading, major issues remain.

P.J. Warwick, a manager at Andersen for five years, came into the office at 4:50 a.m. one day last week to work on a proposal because he feels he has to prove twice as much to his clients that they can't do without him.

Warwick's wife, Laurie, also works for Andersen, and the couple are due to have a baby on April 15, so they've decided to stick it out for now.

``We wondered what we're going to do, because we are exposed to risk," he said. ``But Andersen has been very loyal to us." He mentioned the flexible schedule Andersen has permitted his wife.

White, the senior consultant, also mentioned the company's understanding: She lost her brother on Sept. 11 and has since been afraid to fly; Andersen has allowed her to work while remaining grounded.

At Enron, the thing that kept everyone's morale above sea-level was, well, everyone else. ``The best part of the experience was being with the coworkers.

We all bonded in the last months, and we're still in touch," Jacobson said.

The key lesson Jacohson learned from the Enron debacle? Chin up but think about yourself. ``I'm glad I tried to stay positive as long as possible. But on the flip side of that, I don't have a permanent job now."

Empty American promises embitter an Afghan village

JEFFERY GETTLEMAN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

DARA-I-SUF, Afghanistan - One icy night in mid-October, a U.S. military adviser who called himself ``Baba John" rounded up villagers in this guerrilla fighters' paradise and asked them what they wanted when the war was over.

A school. A clinic. Roads that wouldn't turn to mud when it rained. Pens. Pencils. Grain.

``Baba John offered so many things," recalls Azim Naim Zada, a community elder. ``He told us that if we fought hard against the Taliban, we'd get so much food we'd grow fat, like him."

The villagers did fight hard, and helped drive the Taliban out of this rocky canyon about 75 miles south of Mazar-e-Sharif. It was a key battle in the ground war leading to the capture of the strategic northern city, and it triggered a Taliban retreat across the country.

But five months later, the people here are still hungry. Waiting.

Their fields are a sandy, seedless, unplowed mess, so heavily mined that people are too frightened even to venture out to bury the bones scattered around.

At night, as they huddle over steaming bowls of grass soup, they listen to wild dogs prowling the hills, looking for corpses.

Many houses have been reduced to crumbled mud, some by Taliban shells, villagers say, but others by American bombs.

After 23 years of war, Afghanistan has heaps of misery stories. But this one, buried in an inaccessible region where few foreigners go, has a hint of betrayal to it.

When Dara-i-Suf, ``The Valley of Caves" in the Dari language, became a center of anti-Taliban resistance at the beginning of the war, villagers made sure that ``Baba John" and the other Special Forces troops had the best caves, along with rugs to line them and make them comfortable.

The locals volunteered as soldiers, translators, guides and cooks. The Americans liked the kebabs, many remember.

But U.S. military officials have no plans to return to Dara-i-Suf, or to send help. Of the 65 humanitarian aid projects under way or proposed by the military for northern Afghanistan, none involve this area.

``I'd imagine Special Forces would say whatever they needed to, to win cooperation from locals," said Maj. Martin Rose, an Army civil affairs officer based in Mazar-e-Sharif. ``That doesn't mean we're going down there."

Military officials wouldn't discuss details of Special Forces tactics, but several said it was basic strategy during the war's early days to offer aid assurances.

The Army civil affairs office has deployed more than a dozen soldiers in Afghanistan to fix generators, rebuild schools and open fire stations. But most projects are in larger cities such as Kabul, Kunduz and Mazar-e-Sharif.

Dara-i-Suf is a string of little settlements stretched in canyons between 1,000-foot rock walls where light barely reaches. There are no roads in or out, just icy rivers to slog through. Few aid agencies work here, despite food shortages and illness, including a disease local people call ``black leg," which cuts off circulation and hobbles hundreds of people.

During the last three years of Taliban rule in Afghanistan, Dara-i-Suf served as a refuge for the anti-Taliban Northern Alliance. After the Taliban captured Mazar-e-Sharif in August 1998, 5,000 Northern Alliance troops, including top commanders, retreated here.

The Taliban swept after them, taking over mountain ridges and shelling the village below. They raided homes, cut down almond trees, stole sheep and butchered civilians.

``They turned me into a beggar," said one widow, Jumabegoni, whose husband was shot and hacked into pieces.

The Taliban also burned down the market, once the pride of the valley, a 600-stall bazaar of pelt shops, blacksmiths, bookstores and cafes.

However, the momentum turned when U.S. Special Forces soldiers arrived after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

U.S. military officials wouldn't discuss the operation, except to say that Special Forces troops worked closely with Northern Alliance leaders in the area.

But several Afghan commanders said that two helicopters landed in a canyon near Dara-i-Suf one night in mid-October and that eight U.S. advisers stepped out.

More arrived during the next week to plan an air and ground assault on the hundreds of mountainside Taliban bunkers that formed the front line. The lead American adviser, villagers say, was a thick man who appeared to be about 50 years old, didn't carry a gun and always introduced himself as ``Baba John." Baba means grandfather.

``Everybody knew Baba John," said Esmatullah Ahmadi, an Alliance commander. ``He used to walk through the villages, saying to the people, `Tashakor, tashakor,' " meaning ``Thank you, thank you."

``He promised big bags of grain and rugs for our schools," Ahmadi said.

Residents say that when the attacks began, several villages near the front line were flattened by U.S. bombs, including Balooch, where they say 45 civilians were killed.

``Some of us were lucky and hid in caves," said Mohammed Nabi, a Balooch elder. ``But the others" he clapped his chalky hands together once ``crushed."

Col. Rick Thomas, a spokesman for the U.S. Central Command, said American warplanes repeatedly bombed the area. There was no information on civilian casualties, he said.

Despite hundreds of Northern Alliance casualties, the offensive overwhelmed the Taliban forces, pushing them back to Mazar-e-Sharif and then east to Kunduz, where thousands of Taliban members surrendered.

Many Alliance leaders remember Dara-i-Suf as a turning point the place, as commander Haji Wahab put it, where ``the Taliban melted."

The mountaintops still glisten with the litter of war: shells, bullet casings, bleached bones of fallen soldiers and thousands of foil wrappers from airdropped food rations.

``We were expecting more," a former soldier, Rhoullah, said as he stepped over a Pop-Tarts package, a strangely common sight here.

A mile away, a sinewy man pressed ahead with two donkeys and a plow. He turned around abruptly when he reached something shiny on the hillside, leaving a conspicuous unplowed patch. Unexploded bombs and mines are big problems here. Last month, a shepherd was killed chasing a sheep.

Although the British de-mining agency HALO Trust has removed 7,477 mines from northern Afghanistan this year, no technicians have been to Dara-i-Suf, so it remains too dangerous for aid providers.

Most Northern Alliance leaders who lived in the caves and fought in the canyons haven't been back either, including Haji Mohammed Mukhaqiq, now the planning minister for the interim government in Kabul, the capital.

In an interview, Mukhaqiq said he had been busy with government business and expressed regret that he hadn't done more to help Dara-i-Suf residents.

``Man forgets soon," he said, quoting a Persian saying.

-File Photo

Argentina's test of faith

LOS ANGELES TIMES
EDITORIAL STAFF

More than just disturbing, the picture coming from a television station in Rosario, Argentina, was ominous. It showed more than 100 slum dwellers rushing toward an overturned cattle truck. Then, using sticks and knives, the men, women and children slaughtered the animals.

By the armfuls they carried away chunks of meat, the first they had had in a very long time.

The sight was another turn of the screw in this country's painful and prolonged predicament. Hours before, another TV station had shown images of angry depositors taking over a bank branch in the resort city of Mar del Plata. As scenes like these are repeated across this once proud and prosperous land, the Argentine government is pushing the International Monetary Fund to speed up a loan of $25 billion that would help stir the nation's ailing economy.

Concerned for the South American country but cautious, the IMF insists that Argentine authorities produce a workable economic reform program. In addition, U.S. Treasury Secretary Paul H. O'Neill is applying pressure from Washington, urging the Argentines to ``move to a sustainable position.`

Both the IMF and the U.S. government properly want to be confident that the new money won't follow the path of past loans and end up feathering the nest of some corrupt politician. A solid economic recovery plan is essential to build international trust. Meanwhile, Clarin, the largest newspaper in Argentina, last week published a piece of investigative journalism showing another face of the crisis. The well-respected journal found that last year wealthy Argentines took $13 billion out of the country and now were keeping more than $106 billion abroad. This is equal to 76 percent of the country's external debt and larger than its annual gross domestic product. Almost $30 billion is in bank accounts, and a similar sum is held in bonds and stock market shares.

The government should urge the jittery investors who sent money abroad to repatriate a fraction of it as investment in Argentina's future. This would be a show of good faith. The people of Argentina must demonstrate that they believe in their country before they can rightly ask others to do so.

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Kevin's Korner

I was shocked to read Mr. Ward's statement about pedophile priests being homosexuals, in last week's issue. This is a widely held myth that is used to bar well qualified gay men and women from having contact with children. Even if this is true in some cases, it is not a reason to blame all gays and lesbians.

KEVIN HEATON

The 2001 edition of Introduction to Psychology lists this as one of several myths that harm gay people. The website for the Psychology Department at the University of California, Davis points out that fixated child molesters have not developed an adult sexual orientation, and it is wrong to refer to them in terms of gay or straight. A 1978 study by Groth and Bimbaum found that out of 175 convicted pedophiles in Massachusetts, none were homosexual. Twenty-two of them were reported as "regressed adult bisexuals." In this group the study found that, "in their adult relationships they engaged in sex on occasion with men as well as with women. However, in no case did this attraction to men exceed their preference for women....There were no men who were primarily sexually attracted to other adult males..."

The mainstream scientific view is that gay men are no more likely to be pedophiles than anyone else. Dr. A. Nicholas Groth, a noted authority on the literature, once wrote, "The research to date all points to there being no significant relationship between a homosexual lifestyle and child molestation." (Groth & Gary, 1982, p. 147). More recently, in 1998, Dr. Nathaniel McConaghy warned against linking homosexuality with pedophilia. He stated that adults who abuse children are not attracted to other adults of either gender.

Blaming gay men who are priests, or employed in any profession, for child abuse will not help protect children. It will only disguise the real reasons behind the problem. This is exactly what those responsible for the situation would want.

The practice of scapegoating certain minority groups has had terrible consequences. African-American men, in the South, were often falsely accused of raping white women, and lynched. In the Middle Ages, Jews were accused of ritually murdering Christian babies. Hitler blamed them for Germany's economic problems.

Gay people are one of the last groups still scapegoated in our society. I doubt Mr. Ward would make such a claim about any other minority group. This doesn't solve anything.

K. Heaton is a Voice columnist

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Life (according to me).

A lot of stuff has come to a head in this past week, and I've had a whole lot on my mind. I'm afraid that it's all sorta culminated into one big incoherent gripe. I'm not sure I've ever written anything in quite this style before, and I'm even less sure if it worked. Oh well. If not, allow me to apologize in advance. Enjoy.

JON SEWELL

I'm sick of causes. I'm sick of Political Correctness. I'm sick of the very need for it. I despise tiptoeing through the tulips when talking to someone, having to self monitor every word and phrase. I'm sick of titles and names for groups becoming more important than the individual person. I don't care WHAT you are. It's a non-issue. I don't care if you're gay. I don't care if you're straight. I don't care if you're black, white, yellow, red, or green. I DON'T CARE. I'm going to treat you like a person, just like I want to be treated. I'm not going to write off your constant scrutiny of my character as your "righteous anger," and I'm not going to tolerate melodramatic whining just because you take pride in your self professed "bitchiness," as if it's something to be proud of. I'm going to treat you like I treat everyone else: with dignity and respect, and if that's not good enough, I'm sorry. But I don't know what else to do or say...

I don't care WHAT you are. It's a non-issue. I don't care if you're gay. I don't care if you're straight. I don't care if you're black, white, yellow, red, or green. I DON'T CARE.

And I'm sick of apparently being so naive about it all that I actually believe it should be this simple.

I'm sick of being told that because I'm a straight, white, Christian, middle-classed male, I couldn't possibly "understand." That I've never experienced oppression. Damn right. I've never starved, either, but does that mean I can't desire an end to hunger?

I hate the fact that doing my best to be a good person apparently isn't good enough. I'm sick of not being allowed to have a bad day. I'm tired of people being shocked when I swear. Trust me, I'm a very, very average person. There's nothing especially profound here.

I'm sick of people writing off characteristics like honor and chivalry as "macho" and "oppressive." I hate hearing "well, who's to say what's right and wrong?" Who's to say? Me. You. All of us. I'm sick of ambivalence.

I'm tired of self-righteous twerps who'll cling onto any trendy liberal cause, no matter how ignorant of the subject they may be. It's all fine and good to feel for those ill-treated women in Afghanistan that are suddenly all the rage. But how about ill-treated women in general? Right here on this campus?

I'm sick of having cover bands play Spring Weekend. They're plenty talented, but if I wanted to hear a Rage song, I'd listen to a CD. If I wanted to hear a Black Crowes song, I'd go to a show. I'm tired of close-minded idiots who refuse to think something is cool unless they're told so by MTV. I'm doubly disgusted by the "alternative" crowd who sneers at anything that's not underground. Musical talent and mass appeal, despite popular belief, is not synonymous with sell out. I hate going to a punk show and being stared at because I'm not "punk enough," and I'm sick of getting looks of horror at the symphony or theatre for wearing a Clash tee shirt.

I'm sick of being used. I'm sick of people thinking of me as the guy who'll just stand by and take it. I'm sick of people being my friend when they need something or when there's nobody more important in the room.

And most of all, I'm sick of being the moron that allows it to continue.

I'm sick of not being able to live up to my own standards. I'm sick of failing. I'm sick of feeling guilty, knowing that I can do more.

I'm tired of contradicting myself, and I'm sick of being a hypocrite.

And right now I'm tired of writing and tired of being negative.

I reckon I've opened myself up to all kinds of feedback on this one. Well, bring them on. Maybe I'll learn something.

So, until next week.

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What You Will

I used to be one of those people who couldn't comprehend starting the day later than 8:30 a.m...and that was pushing it. Those slightly insane people who set their alarms to get up at the crack of dawn and go jogging while the sun rises - yup, that was me. Then, I got to college.

KRISTIN LOIKO

Freshman year I struggled to retain my "morning person" status. I'd go to bed while my night owl roommate was just truly waking up. As she snapped her laptop closed and got ready to turn in for a morning of sweet slumber, I'd bound off the top bunk while glancing scornfully at her half-closed eyelids that were oblivious to the beautiful day just beginning, and head off to the mountain across the street. There I could hike to the top and get a breathtaking view of the sunrise before heading off to a full morning of classes.

Now I'm lucky if I can get my contacts in the correct eyes sometime before 11:30 a.m. - and that's pushing it. As my junior year drags on and papers keep me up til all hours of the night, I wonder where my old "morning person" self went. It's now become threatening for those around me if I have to get up early and don't get a nap in the afternoon. During finals, the parents of the swimmers I coach sent their children in with bribe cups of coffee in hopes that I would spare their sons and daughters from the wrath of my lack of sleep. My "unpleasant crankiness," as my mother so refers to it, now makes friends hesitate to call before 1:00 when they know I've been out all night.

I still hold a bond to my old "morning person" likeness. So many times I've set my alarm early with the highest of hopes of getting work done and out of the way so that I can enjoy a free afternoon. Unfortunately, the snooze button works extremely well. I see reflections of my old self in one of the high-schoolers I waitress with. As she offers to work another weekend breakfast shift, I can't help but think back to when I would offer to open the restaurant so that I could get out a precious few hours earlier than anyone else and still be able to enjoy the sunlight. Now I negotiate for closing shifts so I can stay in bed for those precious few hours.

Maybe someday, far after college, I'll be able to enjoy a morning run again. Someday, when breakfast doesn't conflict with lunch, and dinner is actually a thought tangible enough to consider while the sun is still relatively present in the sky, maybe then I will once again be able to call myself a morning person. But for now, don't call me anything until after noon.

K. Loiko is a Voice columnist

The Cut

This is the righteous indignation column. So Kevin Heaton calls my apartment with no warning at 11 p.m. last Monday night. He's got this theory that a paragraph from my column last week about how we should be learning more about pedophilia is actually a manifesto of hatred, and without apologizing for the lateness of his call or thanking me for actually answering his questions he sprung to the attack (which was actually kinda cute, like the first time Simba tries to roar in "The Lion King"). Here is the paragraph in question, reprinted verbatim:

CHRIS WARD

"The Catholic Church is having a problem with homosexual pedophilia right now so everyone is focused upon the Catholic Church. What we are failing to focus on is that homosexual pedophiliacs are also police officers, firefighters, and football players. I understand that the cover-up is half the story here but I also recognize that there hasn't been much information on the actual disorder which causes grownups to prey upon children."

It irritates me (and scares me) that some people cannot see the word "homosexual" in print without assuming it's some kind of attack

That, to me, seems like a paragraph about how, with all the talk about pedophilia, the media should be doing a better job helping us to understand the illness as well as the sensational aspects of the story. But I'm biased, what does it say to you?

The fact is that pedophiles come in every variety of sexual orientation, just like anyone else. I realize that a male priest attacking an alter boy is not any kind of "statement" about homosexuals (or priests) in general. I'm sure that Mr. Heaton and I ran across a lot of the same research on the subject. It irritates me (and scares me) that some people cannot see the word "homosexual" in print without assuming it's some kind of attack. Mr. Heaton, by crying "wolf," is actually damaging his own cause.

Okay back to the phone call. He asked me what makes them "*homosexual* pedophiliacs." Well, those weren't alter GIRLS that were being abused, now were they? Suddenly it became clear to me that he was getting off on "asking the tough questions" more than actually listening to the answers. At this point I told him that our conversation was done. Besides, it was after 11 p.m. on Monday night by now and my beer was getting warm.

Mr. Heaton had a nice, juicy story about something besides my beloved President George W. Bush and apparently he wasn't going to let anything like a rational explanation get in the way. Well, hey, if a pointless, rambling column on what Kevin decided that I meant (again!) will keep him away from Dubya for a week, then that's almost like I'm in the Secret Service. Cool.

Okay, I know what you're thinking "It's only Kevin Heaton, don't even sweat it." Also, it's not like I haven't been unfair to people in the past (that's the game and the game is fun) but I've never gone so far as to accuse an individual of racism or homophobia (by name) in print without any substantiation. The term for that is "libel" and if he does that someday to someone who actually takes him seriously then he'll get sued right down to his size small tighty whiteys.

To my readers, whom I love... I had a much better and funnier column all set to go this week, and it pisses me off that I had to waste the space on that tenacious chihuahua and his silly crap. It's forty till five, where da love at?

Peace and balance.

C. Word is a Voice columnist

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I recently read your article on a student here on campus named Aaron Ragland. First of all I must say that I am outraged and disgusted by the fact that you put someone's personal business on the front page of your newspaper. You literally discriminate him, discredit his character, and make him seemed guilty way before knowing all facts through the articles that you have published while this incident occurred and after too.

I wasn't on campus last semester when this so called incident happened, but I do know Aaron Ragland from some friends of mine and also through working with him two summers ago on campus. He is a good student and a great athlete. I am angered and disappointed by your actions as well as the campuses.

The small population of African American and Hispanic students all know for a fact that if it wasn't for his hard work and effort the Westfield State College football team wouldn't of had a successful season.

Frankly, the matter is that Aaron was an African American student and he happened to be at the wrong place at the wrong time in which he got caught. It has been speculated that the female that accused him of rape also accused another male student of rape a long time ago. I do not know if this is true or not, but I am not one to judge on that matter. If this was your average, white guy named Joe we wouldn't hear or see this in your newspaper.

To me it seems like this campus is stagnated and hasn't moved forward at all in considering the wants and needs of minority students. No wonder it is a fact that people of color do not want to come to this college in which by the way some of the people here treat us.

In closing, I would want you to consider the facts on a two-way basis before just printing any old thing in your newspaper. Thank You.

Allyce E. Belton
Class of 2002

Editorial Staff Note:

In response to Allyce Belton's letter to the editor, we at The Campus Voice would like to inform her and others who felt that it was wrong to print a story on a fellow student's personal life that this story was written with Aaron Ragland's permission as is evident by the use of direct quotes throughout the article.

According to Ragland he was very appreciative of the article and felt that it let students know the outcome of the situation.

In the opinion of The Campus Voice Allyce needs to check her facts first. The second article on Ragland told of his experience and in no way did it belittle him. It was never implied that Aaron is not a great student or athlete. In fact, judging by his quote that his teammates treated him like a soldier, it is an insult to him and his team to suggest that the outcome of WSC's football team was because of one individual.

It is unfortunate that this situation occurred in Aaron's life but The Campus Voice would not discriminate against an individual because of the color of his skin as Allyce suggested. The job of a newspaper is to inform the public of facts that are true and unbiased, and we at The Campus Voice have followed this tradition in every issue as we will continue to do in the future.

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Nose Knows...maybe

KRISTINA MARTINELLI

First of all, I would just like to let all the Nose fans know that I did have a column prepared for last week's issue of The Voice, but somehow I was not included. I was told that there wasn't enough space, when in fact I was forgotten all together. Gee, thanks guys, a big TWO THUMBS UP from me. Not to worry though, I have fixed the problem, or at least tried. I will hopefully be included from now on, unless I drop to the bottom of the editor's list, and everyone loves me, so that shouldn't happen.

Ok, so everyone has received their recycling bin right? NO?! You haven't? They came to me and woke me up the other morning to sign for mine. I don't think that the school really knows what they're doing with those things. Some of my friends have them and didn't have to sign for them. Other friends of mine don't have them at all. I hear that in Courtney Hall, they are still in storage, but that is just what I heard (well, as of when I had written this column for last week's issue).

So, for all of you who do have a recycling bin, whether you signed for it or not, did you notice the flyer that came with it? It said exactly the same thing, minus a word or two, as the sheet glued to the side of the bin itself. Well, I also noticed that the same sheet is posted on the larger "accumulation point" bins and all over the campus for that matter. We are recycling the recycling flyers.

I do appreciate the college's efforts though. It's about time that they started getting with the program. I had white paper bins back in the 8th grade. So now what the college does to save paper is instead of giving each resident a copy of a flyer, they leave the flyers in stacks on the RA desks. This will definitely cut down on the amount of flyer "confetti" seen at the mailboxes from the cool kids who throw them there. I know that this paragraph may seem a bit like babbling to you, but I needed to say it.

So, question for everyone...What is the obsession with trying to get a booty call every Thursday night? The Hippodrome is all about it. I will admit that I have gone there multiple times, but I don't want some guy riding all up on me in the new A&F outfit that was charged to his parent's credit card account. I guess some people like that though. Well, for everyone who isn't into grinding, but is into techno music and straight up great DJ's, I have your alternative...Fuse. Unlike the Hot Club the Hippodrome, Fuse is a rave, kind of like a big party. WARNING: Do not go here to get some.

I went to Fuse with a friend from the Elements Crew and a bunch of his friends. I was a little over dressed even in low riding khaki colored Old Navy pants and a wide striped, collared baby tee. 99% of the people there were wearing UFO's, T-shirts, wind pants, and baggy jeans. The really cool thing was that you knew that nobody was judging you. Like I said, "big party."

The Friday night that I went to Fuse, DJ Venom was scratching. He was excellent. He went on at 1am and various other DJ's were on after that until closing at 6am. I saw an entirely new group of people in the rave than what I would EVER see at a club. We were actually allowed to break dance. How cool is that? (Kristina does happy dance while the rest of campus rolls their eyes). There is no breakdancing allowed at the Hippodrome. We wouldn't want their image to be tarnished now, would we?

So Noble Hospital is wrong once again. I had to bring my roommate to the emergency room a week ago for what they had diagnosed as gall stones. They put her on morphine, which is now her drug of choice, and sent her on her way. Turns out, that after another couple days in pain, and going to her real doctor, she really has ulcers. A couple days later, and she is all better. She'd still be in pain if she had listened to Noble.

I guess I'll see y'all next week when once again we get to read about how Kevin Heaton feels about the U.S. Government. Good to see the crossword puzzle back.

K. Martinelli is a Voice columnist

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Mr. Nice Guy

"We all have nightmares to remind ourselves who we really are." Leonard Shelby from the movie 'Memento.'

SCOTT TOOMEY

That's kind of an interesting quote to start off with don't you think? I'm gonna ramble about some general stuff here for a little bit first to give you some time to think about that.

So they tell me that my time here at Westfield State is winding down. By the time you read this column there will only be about a month and a week of school left. My advice to you is to say goodbye to all of your friends now because you won't be seeing many of them during finals week, that's for sure. For me, the rest of the semester is all down hill. I'm registered for all of my classes except my overload course that I'll have to add on during add/drop week next year and my housing situation is all taken care of. I just couldn't bring myself to leave Courtney Hall. So for those of you who care, I'll be living in the same section next year. Word. All right I think you've had enough time to think about that opening quote so here goes.

People are fake. I can't even begin to tell you how many people I've met since I graduated from high school that turned out to be totally opposite of either what I thought they were or what they made themselves out to be. And truthfully, it hurts to find out that someone you once thought the world of could turn out to be such a poser. Everyone's afraid to show people who they really are. A lot of people in this school put up fronts to make people like them. Everyone's done it at least once. Hell, I used to do it in high school. It wasn't until I got here that I really began to figure out just who I was.

Everyone's afraid to show people who they really are. A lot of people in this school put up fronts to make people like them. Everyone's done it at least once.

I'm just an average guy. I don't loathe anyone. Some people I might dislike but I have never truly hated a person in my entire life. I'm a momma's boy. My idea of the perfect date is lying on the couch watching a good flick with a girl that I want to be with. I take a long time to do my hair. All this stuff is real. Me writing for this paper, now that's not real. It's just a front. To make you people think that I'm something more than I really am. I'm not a talented writer. I'm just really good at bitching about things that piss me off. Even though I haven't really done too much of that on here, if you really want to get me started try talking to me about why the Wellness Center at this school is soooo totally the coolest place to be ever. Especially when the muscle heads dress up in their A&F uniforms to go lift really heavy weights and try to impress freshman girls who think getting drunk and throwing up on themselves is cool (Calm down Scott. You promised you wouldn't do this).

Sorry about that. Sometimes I have to take a little breather and prevent myself from writing any more insulting comments. Now, on with the fakeness. I don't agree with people who like a certain kind of music and that's it. One thing that I can't understand is why it isn't "cool" to just like stuff that sounds good. I've got some friends that cut me down because I listen to Linkin Park and go to their shows when they are around. Big frickin' deal. I don't cut them down because of the music they listen to because I have an open mind. It's cool if you don't like it but can't you just keep that to yourself? I don't like Dave Matthews. At all! But I'm not going to go around ripping people a new bum hole just because of that. His music has no substance but that's just my opinion.

Anyway, I'm through with the rambling. For those of you who went to the Senate Banquet (yeah, I'm definitely with Ship-dog on this one) I hope you had fun slipping around on the vomit. Besides everyone being drunk and acting like the true high school sophomores that they are, I heard it actually wasn't a bad time (How would I know that since I wrote this week's column 4 days before the banquet actually happened? It's like that every year). I myself will not be in attendance. I decided that I'd make the fine females of Westfield State wait another year before they could see me all decked out in my finest threads. Yeah, I'm going to go ahead and agree with something that Jon Sewell said in his column a long time ago. Liking a girl who is involved with someone else totally sucks. Especially when everything with them is near perfect because then you actually have to come to grips with the fact that you can't have her. To the girl I'm referring to, don't worry. I'm making some good progress so far. Word up. Okay kids. That's it for this week.

One love. Peace.

Movie Of The Week: 'Training Day' Starring: Denzel Washington and Ethan Hawke. This movie actually made me grow a goatee and almost change my major to CJ.

Three CD's In My Stereo While Writing This Column: 1) The Lawrence Arms- Apathy And Exhaustion 2) A Perfect Circle- Mer De Noms 3) The Ataris- End Is Forever

S. Toomey is a Voice columnist

Battle

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said WSC student Joe Yaskis.

No Intention plays punk rock but they have more of a band sound, according to fellow student Lauren Bennett. "I think they're great and Schekta is good too."

The Battle of the Talents judges included all four class presidents; Meg Canning, Jennifer Prior, Lindsay Callahan and Nicki Becker, and General Manager of WSKB, Melissa Saporetti.

"All the bands were really great! It was hard to choose from all the great talent," said judge Jenn Prior.

Schekta, No Intention and Scattered have the opportunity to perform on the Friday of Spring Weekend, April 19, in the Ely Main Lounge.

The following bands also competed; Shirts Off in Advance, Take Aim, Oregon Underground, Mobile Confusion and Quit to Win.

Along with the Battle of the Talent's winners, Run DMC, Split Shift and Mr. Lif will be playing on Spring Weekend.

Tickets are $10 and are on sale at the Ely Service Window.

-Photo by Liz LaFond

Students dance and sing along to the music at Battle of the Talents on Tuesday night.

Resident Evil sure to scare the pants off you

By Nicholas Guarino
Voice Reporter

When I first heard that Resident Evil was being made into a movie I was scared. No not scared in the "Oh my god this movie made me pee my pants" more the "Oh my god this is gonna suck." I am sorry to immediately jump to conclusions that it would suck but come on, video games into movies, if you saw Mortal Kombat you know what I mean. After doing some detective work on the Internet about the movie I was still skeptical. Thank heavens I was wrong.

Resident Evil is based on the widely popular video game series for Playstation. Since I am a fan of the video games for playstation I felt even if it gets horrible reviews I still need to see it. For those of you who know nothing about the games don't worry because at the beginning of the movie they explain all you need to know. But since this is a review on the movie I will elaborate.

Resident Evil takes place before the first video game. The number one pharmaceutical company Umbrella Inc. is secretly doing human and animal experiments and making bioweapons and viruses. The movie opens with a guy stealing the virus and then breaking one to cause a viral outbreak in Umbrella's secret underground lab. The supercomputer security system named Red Queen that controls underground facility immediately locks the lab down. She then resorts to her defense system to kill everyone in the lab to prevent the virus and everyone infected from escaping.

Now enters our hero, Milla Jovovich (The Fifth Element) who plays Alice, an Umbrella Inc. employee who is a security agent at a mansion that also is the back entrance to the lab. When the Red Queen sets off her defense system it releases a nerve agent that knocks Alice unconscious and she gets amnesia. Throughout the movie ber memory slowly comes back revealing important parts of the movie.

Umbrella Inc. sends a special forces team to the underground facility's back entrance where Milla Jovovich is to find out what happened in the lab. On the special forces team is Michelle Rodriguez (The Fast and the Furious) who plays Rain, a hardass Latina who reminded me of Vasquez from Aliens. Other than these two stars there is really no one else noteworthy. The team goes into the facility where they encounter zombies, cannibal canines and other scary monsters that are hell bent on killing them. They realize they can't beat all of the monsters so they decide to make a run back to the exit.

The story has many twists and turns that will keep you on the edge of your seat. For the most part I really enjoyed Resident Evil. There are many parts in the movie that made me jump and the music and soundtrack were excellent. I also thought the director Paul W.S. Anderson (who in fact directed Mortal Kombat) did a great job making this movie.

-File Photo

Milla Jovovich in Resident Evil, a movie based on the popular Playstation video game.

The only things I disliked about this movie were when the heroes were in trouble or surrounded by zombies the camera would cut to something else and when it cut back everyone would be ok. The only other thing I had a problem with was the CG effects on one of the main monsters called a "licker." The monster was really well designed but they did a poor job making it look believable.

Overall Resident Evil was a good movie that will definitely scare the pants off you. On a scale of 1 to 10 I gave Resident Evil a 7.5. If you enjoyed the games you will like the movie too. If you are going just to see a movie then you won't be disappointed. Resident Evil was separate enough from the games so that people who have never played them would still get into it.

Did someone say crack? Oh, smack...nevermid

By Amy Geeleher
Voice Reporter

This weekend I saw two movies from opposite historic periods both about the tormenting effects of hard-core poppy resin. Pandemonium (*) was brought to you by the BBC, so you know right then and there that half the references and jokes will make no sense to us Americans. Cheers!

The movie takes us through the lives of both William Wordsworth (bad guy) and the trip-happy man himself, Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

The story rises and sets around the induction of Kublah Khan into a literary society of elites where Coleridge is burnt out from several years worth of brain damage from drinking opium.

This is nothing like stoner friends prompting, "Hey man, where are the ring dings and funions?" And more like delving into a handmade world while swatting the moths that haunt you in an endless tunnel cut off from the sun (so I'm told). STC goes into a dream sequence brought on by the opium he so elegantly drinks from a bath of water, and we meet his younger pre-opium addict version of himself.

He is a political extremist, a hardcore democrat, an all-in-all idealist, egalitarianly addressing everyone he meets as "citizen."

We also meet his good friend, William Wordsworth, another striving poet. Their friendship evolves as they try to team their efforts and make a joint poem. This doesn't work out.

Teamwork is all but lost as STC goes on a writing binge and creates the bulk of the poem. The movie is like a platonic love story between two men who fight for one gift, thus ending in their hatred for one another.

It was ok, hut if you'd rather read a book about drugs and artists, read their contemporary, Thomas de Quincy's account called Confessions of an English Opium Eater (*****).

The title is catchy, the lithographs are trippy and the writing is poetic. Enough said. OK, moving on.

Now, for those of you just coming to terms with our modern share of drug induced reverie, MTV's Wasted (*) is appropriate.

I give it one star because it had as much charm and emotional appeal as an after school special directed by Roman Polanski (Rosemary's Baby) or better yet George A. Romero (Night of the Living Dead).

That, and MTV had a Q&A discussion post-movie screening premier, talking about those evil drugs and offering help to addicts in need.

Yeah, that's nice, too bad they didn't address the harrowing hegemony brought to you by commercial drug companies that advertise to sick twisted Americans (when they're not in Canada buying cheaper prescriptions) while failing to do so in Europe because that would impinge on their right.

So in the meantime, let's dis all forms of drugs that are outside of the domestic, privatized sector. If people want to overdose and die, well they should do it on Phen-fen, Zoloft, Ritalin, Oxycodone, Xenadrine, the one that produces an oily discharge, etc.

This is America. We want our smack addicts to be legit and rich enough to buy from corporate drug pushers!

Other than that, the movie wreaked, was absolutely stinky of the cinematic artistry of Requiem for a Dream (*****), which is probably one of the most stirring movies ever made since Eraserhead and Shine and possibly even Kiss of the Spider Woman.

The movie used fancy camera tricks and moves but couldn't quite execute brilliance. I know what the arguments are. Wasted was a movie aired during primetime to attract already devout MTV parishioners. Because of the affiliation to MTV, any hopes for creativity is gone, but there was so much potential.

The lead actress, Summer Phoenix, was awesome and didn't falter through her performance as an addict. They could have used her talent to actually make a documentary-style movie that would delve into the deeper problem. It affects rich, white, suhurban kids in the likeness of what afflicts all of our nation's kids: alienation encouraged by a system and society that eats and digests its future like any other commodity.

Gives you the warm and fuzzy's, don't it? It's no wonder why kids, artists, etc. do drugs. It fulfills the very void meted out in societies that grows toward material gain. And for a very specific moment, reality can be relegated to the back seat before once again usurping shotgun.

WSKB Weekly Spotlight

Meg Canning and Kelly Clarke

Jed Dion
A&E Editor

What better to go along with your lunch then the sounds of Guyzdiggit Tuesdays from 12-2PM on WSKB 89.5. The show is hosted by Meg Canning, a Senior majoring in Communications and Journalism and Kelly Clarke a Junior majoring in Communication.

"The show is a combination of alternative country and 80's music. We also have a sex song a week," said Canning.

Everything from Strangfolk to Scott Garth to Chris Delmhorst to Kasey Chambers can be heard on the show.

"We decided to do the show because no one plays alternative country and we wanted to," said Clarke. Clarke started the semester off on the 2 Guys and a Girl Show, but made the jump to Guyzdiggit to help Canning, who as a Senior first started doing a radio show this semester.

"I never really had time to do it before because of classes. Now I take really long lunch breaks from my internship to do the show," said Canning.

Besides spinning tunes on the WSKB airwaves, Canning claims such hobbies as eating peanut butter by the spoonful and joining Clarke in a jello wrestling match. She is also the news editor of "The Campus Voice" and the Senior class president. Clarke likes to play the guitar, chase black squirrels, and play powder puff football on the weekends. Clarke is the photography editor and is the promotions director for the Night Owl.

April 16th will be Guyzdiggit tribute to sex songs. The full two hours will feature songs about sex, or songs with a mention of sex.

"Examples of some songs are Paula Cole "Feelin' love," LL Cool J's "Doin' It," and Dave Mattew's "Crash." The show will also feature interviews with anyone willing to come up into the studio.

"For the first show we came up with the name for the show by looking at punk band Chixdiggit's CD cover. Kelly said on the air 'our show's called Guyzdiggit because guys dig us, well maybe just Meg, she's getting married,'" said Canning.

Michelle Branch's debut gives lots of 'spirit' to listeners

By Jessica Norden
Assistant A&E editor

I'm guessing that most people have heard of Michelle Branch. Now, for those who haven't or just chose not to listen to her music, you are missing out on an awesome CD.

Unlike the other so-called "teeny bopper" type pop, Michelle Branch actually writes her music and plays it as well.

Branch's CD, The Spirit Room, includes a collection of emotions ranging from happy and upbeat to sad and broken-hearted. The first track, "Everywhere," which happens to be her first single, is a combination of pop and soft rock with Branch playing acoustic guitar.

With her lyrics, it gives a sense of personality to the song. "Just tell me how I got this far/Just tell me why you're here and who you are/Cause every time I look you're never there/And every time I sleep you're always there…"

The song, "Something To Sleep To," talks about relationships and the problems that come with them. Branch gives her emotions to the song as well as her own input. "In my mind, everything we did was right/open your eyes, I'll still be by your side/how could I ever have been so blind? /You give me something to sleep to, at night."

Michelle Branch's newest single, "All You Wanted," talks about doing everything for another person and changing yourself for that person. But, in the end, it doesn't make things better. This song has an upbeat melody with terrific lyrics. "If you want to I can save you/ I can take you away from here/ So lonely inside/ So busy out there/And all you wanted was somebody who cares."

On "I'd Rather Be In Love," Branch discusses how being in love with someone yet being away from them is very hard and can be complicated.

"'Cause when there's you, I feel whole/And there's no better feeling in the world/But without you I'm alone/And I'd rather be in love with you…" This song definitely made me hit repeat on my stereo and it is my favorite song on the whole CD.

Throughout the whole CD, Branch displays her given talent with her excellent vocals and even better guitar playing. On the song "Goodbye To You," Branch uses the lyrics to talk about a breakup and how emotional it was.

"Goodbye to you/Goodbye to everything I thought I knew/ You were the thing that I loved/The one thing that I tried to hold on to…"

Michelle Branch's entire CD shows an extreme amount of talent and creativity. It just goes to show you that you don't have to have millions of number one hits and choreographed dance moves to have an incredible CD.

So if you haven't heard her newest single or any of her songs, try downloading it before you buy the CD. But this is a CD you will want to have in your collection. If you want to learn more about Micbelle Branch, you can log onto www.michellebranch.com.

-File Photo

Michelle Branch is not your typical teeny bopper performer.

Top 6 Ways to Survive Spring Weekend

6. Buy your alcohol now! Don't think that you'll be the one that will actually get it into the dorms that weekend.
5. Wear a lot of sunscreen. You don't want to fry in between the sets when it takes an hour to change the bands.
4. Buy your fake ID. If they don't think you're 21, you'll never be able to get into the beer tent. Let's face it. The beer tent is the main reason for spring weekend.
3. Come up with an interesting way to hide your alcohol so you can sneak it into the gates. It's only an "open container" if they see it.
2. Get every Run DMC CD there is. It would be nice to know at least three songs that they are performing.
1. Make a fake ISO uniform. If they think you are one of them, maybe they will let you have a little bit of fun.

"Variation" by Chris Ward

You've given the night as each day is revealed
Recalling the thoughts of my prior mind
A promise of thunder which rivals mine
heard you, your laughter, afoot yet afield

Remiss to resist the sandalwood, sealed
To random chance, to the present refined
To forget the forgotten so far behind
I remembered you, though your face was concealed

That's the move, as the truth contains desire
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Provost Named New Hockey Coach

Sean Provost has been named the new men's ice hockey head coach at Westfield State College.

Provost has been coaching in the Pioneer Valley for the past nine years, including stints as an assistant coach of the New England Junior Coyotes in Enfield, Conn.; head coach of the Connecticut Clippers in Cromwell, Conn., and as an assistant coach of the Springfield Cathedral JV team from 1995-1997. In addition, he also has worked as an instructor at the Gary Wright Hockey School in Springfield.

Sean Provost

Provost, a 1984 graduate of Spingfield Classical High School, is a USA Hockey certified advanced instructor. He played four years of college hockey at Postdam State in New York, where he graduated from in 1990 with an economics degrees.

Provost is currently the president of TAM Sports Enterprises, LLC in Agawam.

"Overall, I am very impressed with Sean," said Westfield State athletics director Ken Magarian. "He has been highly recommended and has outstanding coaching credentials."

"I'm pretty excited about getting this coaching position," said Provost. "Coaching at Westfield State is a perfect fit for me, and I've wanted to be a head coach again."

Hockey Voted Into League

Athletics director Ken Magarian was notified this week that the Westfield State College men's ice hockey Team was voted into the highly competitive Super East Collegiate Hockey League (SECHL).

Westfield was the only college selected out of seven that applied for membership this year. Commissioner Kent Rinehart made the announcement after a special conference call of the members.

Included in the Super East League are: Siena University, Marist College, New York University, Montclair State, SUNY-Albany, Central Connecticut State University and SUNY-Stony Brook.

The eight-team league plays mostly Division I teams in the Northeast. The top six schools qualify for the season-ending playoffs in February, and also have the opportunity to play for divisional and national championships with the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA), a national collegiate hockey conference.

"This league will be very good for our hockey program," said Westfield State head coach Sean Provost. "When you're in a league you have something to play for and are able to set goals."

Westfield State was just recently turned down by the senior administration of the college to return back to the ECAC/NCAA varsity level because of severe budget cutbacks throughout the commonwealth. The program, under the direction of the department of athletics, will request a return to full varsity status within two years.

The entire Westfield team, except for senior Mike Fitzgerald, will be returning for the 2002-03 season. There are also reportedly other hockey players on campus who have decided to try out for the program, as well as at least seven known hockey recruits coming next fall.

A new Westfield State College Alumni Hockey Committee is being formed at this time to support the hockey program and assist its return to varsity status. Heading the committee is Westfield State Hall of Fame inductee Jim Collins, who is the college's all-time leading scorer and was a co-captain of the Westfield State team that won the ECAC Division II Championship in 1977-78. Collins is the current head hockey coach at Reading, Mass., High School.

Track and Field Results

RPI Invitational - at Troy, N.Y.,
MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: 1. RPI 237; 2. Springfield 235; 3. Westfield 51; 4. Oswego State 39.
SECOND: Peter King, discus, 134-4.
THIRD: Greg Aucoin, 100, 11.3; Greg Aucoin, 200, 22.7; Mat LaMalie, 110 hurdles, 16.2; Chris Hume, 400 hurdles, 57.4; Vinny Ferrecchia, javelin, 175-1.
FOURTH: David Eaton, 400, 51.9.
FIFTH: Tom Bousquet, 1500, 4:09.9; Merco Iannello, 3000 steeplechase, 10:52.8; Chris Allie, long jump, 20-1/4; Tom Gilbert, shot put, 44-3 1/2.
SIXTH: Ryan Fregeau, 400, 52.6; Nick Irving, 3000 steeplechase, 10:59.6; Peter King, shot put, 44-2.
WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: 1. RPI 219; 2. Springfield 200; 3. Oswego State 105; 4. Westfield State 54.
FIRST: Abbey Laffond, javelin, 125-4; Jen Howard, high jump, 5-0.
SECOND: Abbey Laffond, discus, 101-1.
THIRD: Abbey Laffond, shot put, 38-3/4; Vicki Hood, javelin, 112-9.
FOURTH: Abbey Laffond, hammer, 119-1.
FIFTH: Jess Silva, 800, 2:30.1; Catie Geldert, 3000 meter run, 12:04; Jess Silva, long jump, 15-3 1/2.

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Westfield State softball coach Lou Ann Simchak instructs her team following one of its spring trip games in Fort Myers, Florida, in early March. The Owls had posted a 10-6-1 record, including tour straight shutout victories haading into this past weekend's games vs. Mass Maritime. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

Softball Team Has Bright Future

By Darcie Smalley

With a team dominated by new faces, the Westfield State softball season began with a degree of uncertainty.

The eight freshmen and 11 returning players, led by head coach Lou Ann Simchak, headed off to Fort Myers, Fla., over spring break. After being forced indoors because of bad weather during preseason, the team was about to experience a totally new environment.

Facing teams from all over the country, including Indiana, Michigan, Maine, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky, the sweltering outdoor conditions contributed in a total record of 4 wins, 5 losses, and 1 tie. To the team's surprise they even had the opportunity to be matched up with and defeat conference rival Salem State, 6-5.

The new players on the team are: sophomore Jenn Koziol and freshmen Amanda Fregeau, Casey Greggo, Leah Peterson, Liz Oliveira, Nikki Benson, Abby Wrinn, Noelle Berard, and Cait Driscoll.

All of their roles have proven to be very important, as last year's graduates left open positions at the critical spots of first, third, and center field. With five0 of these new players starting, the young team has unnamed potential for growth.

Coach Simchak reported that defense has been a weak point. Since practice has recently become more feasible outdoors, this is an area which is now receiving more attention.

Strengths, on the other hand, have shined through with excellent stealing and hitting. Hitting well thus far have been: junior Tasha Goulet, sophomore B.J. Dion, Oliveria, junior Kate Pomerleau, Koziol, and Sarah Kalegher, the team's only senior.
Speed has also been a key factor in their game with much success in stealing.

Other contributions on and off the field have been made by the No. 2 pitcher Sarah Simmons, second basemen Meghan Perreault, junior Michelle Prall, sophomore Suzie Scott, sophomore Nelly Pelletier, junior pitcher Erin Stawarz, and sophomore pitcher Christin D'Ambrosio..

Currently the team has playe 17 games with a winning record o 10-6-1. Coach Simchak attribute some of this success to the outstanding leadership of Kalagher As the team captain, No. 1 pitche and cleanup hitter, she has been a inspiration to her young team.

"She is a great player and great human being; she has the bes leadership of any student I have coached before," said Simchak.

The team's future appears very bright.

Following the recent and devastating loss of teammate and close friend Phanessa Fisher, the team plan is to take things one day at a time. With a new appreciation for life, they aim to have fun and maintain respect for each other as one working unit.

Softball Shuts Out Elms, 6-0

CHICOPEE - Freshman catcher Liz Oliveira (Fall River/ Bishop Connolly) drove in three runs with a double and a single to lead the Westfield State softball team to a 6-0 victory over Elms College on Tuesday, April 2.

It was the fourth straight shutout victory for the Owls, who improved to 10-6-1. Elms is 3-8.

Oliveira pounded a runscoring double in Westfield's two-run first inning, then ripped a two-run single in the third.

Sophomore third baseman Jenn Koziol of Southwick was 2 for 3 with two runs scored in the Owls' nine-hit attack.

Freshman Leah Peterson was the winning pitcher with relief help from Sarah Simmons, who earned a save by getting out of a bases-loaded jam in the fifth inning.

Westfield Baseball Splits With Salem In Conference Opener

WESTFIELD - Westfield State and Salem State split a double header in college baseball action.

Westfield blasted 16 hits in winning the first game, 12-7. Salem received a strong pitching performance Mike Comacchini to take the nightcap, 4-0.

It was the Mass. State Conference openers for both teams. Westfield is 4-10 overall and Salem is 10-4. .

Westfield scored in each of its at bats in the opener. Salem scored four runs in the top of the sixth to close to within two, 8-6, but the Owls responded with four runs in the home half of the inning.

Leadoff hitter Corey Scafidi was 4 for 5 for Westfield with two RBI. Senior catcher Ray McPeck of Brockton was 3 for 4 with two RBI. Matt Larahee of Chesire was 2 for 4 with a double, triple and two RBI.

Freshman Tom Cousineau notched the pitching victory, while sophomore Ryan Salvador of Ludlow recorded a pitching save.

In the second game, Comacchini twirled a three-hit shutout while striking out eight and walking two.

Scafidi was the starting and losing pitcher for Westfield. He gave up a two-run double in the third inning to shortstop Dave Scioli. Salem added two runs in the fifth, including an RBI double by Scioli.

Freshman Shaun Geary pounded a double for Westfield.

Eastern Conn. 14 - Westfield 1

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. - The Eastern Connecticut baseball - ranked first in New England and 11th in the nation - team rolled to a 14-1 victory over Westfield State on Tuesday, April 2.

Eastern Connecticut upped its record to 14-3-1, while the Owls dropped to 4-11.

Eastern Connecticut scored three runs in both the first and second innings, and led 10-0 after five innings. The Warriors belted 13 hits, including two homers and three doubles, and drew 11 walks.

Eastern's two pitchers allowed four hits and two walks while striking out 13.

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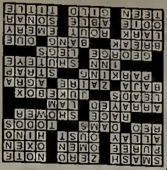

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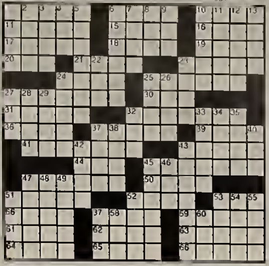

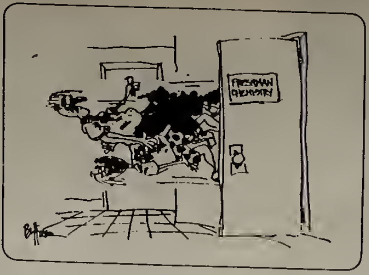

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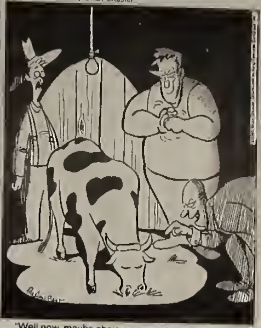

"Well now, maybe she's a cow and maybe she ain't, but we have ways of finding out."

Personals

We all got rooms in Scanlon - 206, 210, 307! Party it up next year girls!!

Happy Brithday Josh :) Smile at the camera!

What's up with the salad dispensers in the DC looking like penises?

Bobby B. sux at darts he is a cheater.

People with smelly feet should keep their shoes on! (hint hint)

Paris is a vidiodot!

Hey Diz, Take a shower!

"Jenny you are a slut bag."

Hackett likes the butta!!

Dave I think you are so hot..Navis.

Who's that girl that was hooking up with everyone at Emery?

Rachel is the runaway hook-up.

Copey is one hot boy. Someone needs to give him some.

All my roommate does is sleep and jerkoff. He is the jerkoff master. Scramble Pork Ch. 82

Call me crazy - but I thought the recycling bins should actually be used to recycle things. Just a thought...

Cara, Hope you know you're the joke of campus.

President Woodward profits from our tuition bill. What do the students get: Nothing. Not even classes they need to graduate.

We got an apartment....the six of us.....HaHa. Let the good times roll!

NO!
Happy Birthday Megan and Renee!

Westfield...more like Cocainefield, MA.

P.J. you are a herb. Get out of bed.

"Can anyone say WSC sucks wicked bad?"

Jimmy is a beautiful woomaann.

Please soundproof 3C3. Some just kidding.

Kerri is the gas master. You stink!!!

When we were glad about the candy in the personals box, we wanted wrapped candy...not candy wrappers.

Steve, I'm watching you! Watch your back!

What do you mean that Communication classes are full? All 4 of them?

Drop off your personals in the Dr. Suess box in the Ely Main Lounge...

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

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Check out Springfield Symphony Orchestra schedule at the Campus Center Service Window. Student vouchers for $6

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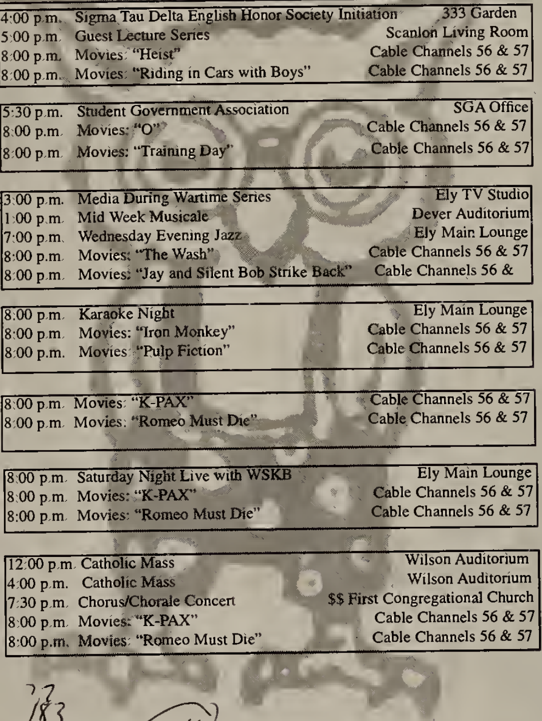
WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events



Mon 4/8	4:00 p.m.	Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society Initiation	333 Garden
	5:00 p.m.	Guest Lecture Series	Scanlon Living Room
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Heist"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Riding in Cars with Boys"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Tue 4/9	5:30 p.m.	Student Government Association	SGA Office
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "O"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Training Day"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Wed 4/10	3:00 p.m.	Media During Wartime Series	Ely TV Studio
	1:00 p.m.	Mid Week Musicale	Dever Auditorium
	7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Wash"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back"	Cable Channels 56 &
Thur 4/11	8:00 p.m.	Karaoke Night	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Iron Monkey"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Pulp Fiction"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Fri 4/12	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "K-PAX"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Romeo Must Die"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Sat 4/13	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live with WSKB	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "K-PAX"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Romeo Must Die"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Sun 4/14	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	7:30 p.m.	Chorus/Chorale Concert	$$ First Congregational Church
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "K-PAX"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Romeo Must Die"	Cable Channels 56 & 57

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Three Apples High wins Battle of Talents and slot on Spring Weekend stage

Lead singer Jon Morgan celebrates the win

Photo by Kelly Clarke

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Two sides to drinking at campus events

By Adrienne Lamplough
Managing Editor

The Senate Banquet brought together 850 WSC students and their dates last Friday evening for dancing, drinking, and dinner at Chez Josef in Agawam with only two alcohol related incidents occurring.

"I thought that it was very successful. There were 850 students and the crowd was very well behaved and I stayed right until the end," Director of Public Safety Paul Scannell said.

There were a number of Agawam police officers present along with WSC's Public Safety, but there was the same amount this year as last year. A number of our officers accompanied students in the vans as well, Scannell said.

The rules for the Senate Banquet along with other campus

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-Photo by Kelly Clarke

Brother and sister Elisa and Anthony DiCarlo from Easton, Massachusetts pose for pictures at the Senate Banquet at Chez Josef in Agawam last Friday, April 5, 2002. Turn to page 11 for more Senate Banquet pictures.

President of SGA gives resignation

A lapse in judgement causes Eldredge to step down

By Jennifer Brooks
Voice Reporter

Shane Eldredge made history at last Tuesday night's Student Government Association meeting when he announced his decision to resign from his position as the President of SGA, becoming the first president to ever do so.

Eldredge's resignation comes as a result of a series of events that occurred last Friday evening he said. "At the time it was a severe lapse in judgment," Eldredge said. "I embarrassed myself thoroughly," he said before giving his resignation and abruptly leaving the meeting.

Campus police would not comment on any specific incident that took place at the Senate Banquet on April 5.

Overall, the Senate Banquet was a huge success, Chief of Public Safety Paul Scannell said. "We've had probably one of the best banquets we've ever had. Only two out of 850 people were escorted out by police," he said.

Immediately after his resignation at Tuesday night's meeting, Brent Fisher, Vice President of Student Life, was sworn in as the new SGA President.

"I was quite surprised," Fisher said. "But he did what was best rather than seeing it come to a vote. He wanted to do what was best for SGA."

"I think it is unfortunate that this had to happen, but it's in the best interest of the reputation

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"Company" goes off Broadway at WSC

By Alison Close
Voice Reporter

If anyone, faculty and students alike, is looking for an inexpensive good time this week, Westfield State College's Musical Theatre Guild will present Stephen Sodheim's musical comedy, Company, April 17-20 at 8 p.m. in Dever Auditorium.

According to the production's director, Carrie Marie Janik, the musical takes place on the thirty-fifth birthday of the main character, Robert, played by Dan Cassidy. Robert is a bachelor living in New York City. While he has many good friends, Robert has reached a point of reflection in his life and is trying to decide where to go next.

"The production is sort of like a collage of all the people in this man's life and all the events that led him to this particular place," Janik said. "He's searching for what he wants to do with his life now."

Robert's best friends, five married couples, throw him a surprise birthday party. Janik said the plot gets into gear during this party as Robert begins to have flashbacks of his life.

Robert visits his previous experiences with these couples as he imagines the journeys in the future. While he has been happy dating all his life, Robert's thirty-fifth birthday makes him rethink his bachelorhood.

"It really is very funny, something people at our age can really relate to," Janik said. "We're all trying to figure out where to go and what to do next. We're trying to sort out what we want out of life. While Robert is a little older, he is in search of the same things that a lot of us are seeking. We can really relate to a lot of his experiences," she said.

Written by George Furth, Company was first performed on Broadway in 1970. According to Janik, the production has been

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-Photo by Meg Canning

Cast of the musical "Company."

Students absent from NEASC exit forum

By Tom Perron
Assistant Editor

On Wednesday, April 10, approximately 50 faculty, staff and administrators attended the NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) accreditation committee's exit report, but where were the students?

Stefanie Sullivan, a member of the visiting team, said, "I think [students] would have benefited from hearing the recommendations."

Sullivan said that it is a normal practice to have the exit report in the morning [when many students are in class] and that having it in the evening would be a "sharp deviance from [our] process."

Erin McKenna, a sophomore communication major, said that she did not know about the forum.

"They should have had more publicity. If I knew about [the forum], I would have tried to attend," said McKenna.

Despite the lack of student representation, the report was delivered by Dr. Don Warden, Chair of the NEASC visiting team.

Warden said the exit report "gives the team an opportunity to give the campus a report on its strengths and weaknesses."

Warden gave the committee's findings on the strengths and concerns they found during their three-day visit on the 11 standards followed by NEASC. He also gave suggestions that the committee formulated on how the college could change for the better.

The standards that the committee followed included: mission and purpose; planning and evaluation; governance; programs and instruction; faculty; student services; library and informational resources; facilities; financial resources; public disclosure; and integrity.

"In 6 weeks the president will receive a full draft of the report," Warden said.

The first area that the committee discussed was the college's mission and purpose.

Some of the strengths that the committee found, Warden said, were that the college has revised its mission statement twice since 1991 and that "the revisions have been highly successful."

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"Senior Days" packets on sale until April 16
$125 at the Service Window in Ely Campus Center

"Death to Smoochy" a dark, humorous review. Go to page 12 to read more about Robin Williams' new comedy.

Scholar informs campus community of smoking and drug PSAs of the past

By Brooke Ann Popielarz
Voice Reporter

"I thought I got it all in my 30 years experience in advertising but spending the last 10 years on social marketing, realized it is the hardest of all advertising," said Richard Earle, author and President of Greenbranch Enterprises, Inc.

Richard Earle, a well known scholar in the advertising industry, spoke to an audience of WSC students and faculty last Monday evening as part of the ongoing guest lecture series program.

Earle took his audience through his book titled, The Art of Cause Marketing and included his opinions on each campaign series he showed. He has been involved with advertising for thirty plus years, worked for clients such as Tylenol, Johnson & Johnson and Revlon and won many public service campaigns including, Keep America Beautiful, "Crying Indian"campaign.

Earle said in his presentation that cause marketing and public service advertisements are produced to change the personal behavior and public policy with the help from our social marketing information.

He demonstrated each part that a series has to go through in order to pass for a public service campaign.

Earle said that each campaign goes through their own evaluation processes, strategic development stages and research requirements.

One of Earle's many examples of a campaign evaluation included a series called the Addiction campaign, "Breath."

Earle said that they found by research many kids starting to smoke because was considered cool and kids believed they would not get addicted.

The purpose Earle said was to send the message that smoking was highly addictive and will take physical ability away.

The ad had a boy jumping in the water, struggling for a breath. The sound bite over the ad said, "You'll need your next cigarette like you'll need your next breath." The thirty second clip was not aired due to parents calling in saying that it was a sensitive issue because their kid died drowning.

"I thought it would have been effective had they decided to air it," said Tim Jones, sophomore, "Just because there is so many sensitive issues out there that if we were to consider everyone's personal conflicts and hold back on certain public service announcements, than all power in advertisements would be taken away," said Jones.

Earle moved on to the strategy elements he discusses in his book. He said, "If you strike the wrong tone, makes for a successful one and one that is not." Making sure that your target market is the right crowd of people the message needs to capture he said is important on top of the tone and style of a campaign.

Another public service announcement he showed on the big screen was part of the Brain II series. They used a well known actress to demonstrate what heroin could do to someone by smashing an egg on the counter with a frying pan and following it up with smashing all kitchen appliances. Earle did not necessarily agree with this one.

"This one in particular gives kids a reason to say that all drugs do not do this, so it's okay to use others," he said.

Gary Krasinski, sophomore, said that he remembers seeing a commercial similar to the one in the Brain series.

"I just remember the frying pan and egg comparing it to drugs. But, I didn't understand it at all when I saw it and as I grew up I realized what it was trying to get across."

Earle concluded about the pitfalls and cautions that occurr sometimes in a campaign. He stressed that keeping it simple and "selling not telling" is important and to choose numbers and informative facts people will remember when watching the announcements.

He ended with four quotes from copy experts and his public service announcement he wrote: Keep America Beautiful, "Crying Indian" campaign. Joe Goldberg, my art director at that time created the idea of the Indian, Earle said.

"I just wrote the second one in the series and thought to keep a great American icon like the Indian would be very effective."

Earle serves as a media consultant to the Massachusetts Department Control Program, Massachusetts Department of Compulsive Gambling and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

From the Editor's Desk

Presidential Behavior

I'll admit it. I sometimes make fun of the Student Government Association. It's not that I have no respect for the organization. It is just sometimes an easy target. Even though I have a few laughs over it, though I will still be one of the first to say that what the students in the organization do is valuable to the campus community, and that many of those students are some of the best at Westfield State.

The students who are in SGA represent all of the WSC students to college administrators, visitors to the campus and state legislators. Come election time, the student body votes for the student representatives that they feel can do this the best. While these student representatives are college students, they are still representatives of the campus and student body. And the higher the position, the more visible they and their actions are.

This is why the resignation of Shane Eldredge as SGA president was the right move. Lots of responsibility comes with being the president of SGA. With that comes the expectations to act in a mature, respectable, and somewhat dignified manner, especially at college functions. The president of SGA is the ultimate representative of the student body, and he/she should keep that in mind. If you don't want the responsibility and expectations that comes with the job, don't seek it.

Shane's actions throughout the past academic year did not live up to those expectations. He did not do the job of representing the best of the WSC student body. However, he did act in a dignified and respectable manner when he made the decision to resign, realizing that he wasn't living up to the expectations of the job. And for that he deserves respect. He understood the implications of his actions and took responsibility for them. And while his actions throughout the past year were not presidential, his final act was.

When you go to vote for your Student Government representatives next week, keep in mind what is expected of them. Don't vote for your friend. Vote for the person whom you think will represent the student body respectably. Vote for the person who knows what the expectations are of the position, wants to live up to those expectations and will act in a dignified manner no matter what the circumstances.

Laura Cyr
Editor-In-Chief

Spring Weekend Rules and Regulations

General Information

All College policies will be enforced during Spring Weekend. Any person exhibiting disorderliness, intoxication, or conduct in violation of College policy will be immediately removed from the Spring Weekend program and be subject to immediate removal from campus, protective custody, arrest and other appropriate College and legal action.

* Student conduct proscriptions, limitations and guidelines will be strictly enforced as stated in the current WSC Student Handbook.

* In addition to College policy enforcement, the following special regulations apply from 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 18, 2002 through 6:00 a.m., Sunday, April 21, 2002 unless otherwise stated below.

Alcoholic Beverages

All Westfield State College students must present a valid WSC ID and a valid U.S. state-issued identification card or valid driver's license to purchase alcoholic beverages. All others must present a valid U.S. state-issued ID card or valid driver's license.

*Service and consumption of alcoholic beverages are confined to areas designated by the College.

*No kegs, coolers, duffel bags, or alcoholic beverage containers of any other kind are permitted in public areas of the campus including buildings, grounds, parking lots, walkways, courtyards, and roadways.

*No alcoholic beverages may be transported to or from any authorized program area.

*Bags and carrying items are subject to inspection upon entrance of residence halls.

*Open containers (ie.: soda containers, water bottles, ect.) are prohibited in public areas of residence halls including the Apartment courtyard.

*No beverage containers will be allowed in the concert area.

Event Attendance

Members of the College community:

*Spring Weekend event attendance is free of charge except for the outdoor concert on Saturday, April 20. Persons entering the concert site must present an authorized and properly affixed wristband purchased at the Ely Campus Center Service Window (available through 4:00 p.m., Friday, April 19 if this concert is not sold out in advance).

*To purchase an authorized wristband, members of the College community are required to present a valid Westfield State College ID Card containing a Spring 2002 validation sticker. To obtain a Spring 2002 validation sticker or replacement WSC ID Card, faculty/staff and undergraduate students are directed to the Ely Campus Center Service Window. Graduate and part-time students are directed to 333 (DGCE Office).

Guests of Resident Students:

*Guests are limited per resident hall on a first come, first-served basis: Apartments and Courtney (50 each), Davis, Dickinson, Lammers and Scanlon (30 each).

*Only registered guests, 18 or older, shall be permitted to enter a residence hall, April 19-21, 2002. A registered guest may also be signed-in at another residence hall IF the guest and host are both present and both signed-in by a resident of that hall.

*No guest of a resident shall be permitted to remain on campus without an authorized guest pass.

*Guest sign-in shall occur at each residence hall from Friday, April 19 at 12 noon through Sunday, April 21 at 6:00 a.m. (WSC students must be positively identified when entering a residence hall -- this process will require the student to show proper identification. Sign-in procedures require the guest to present a valid U.S. state-issued identification card or valid motor vehicle operator's license and a valid wristband.

*Change of name on a resident student's Guest wristband can be requested at the Department of Residential Life, Scanlon Annex 1, Wed. thru Thu, April 17th -18th between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Guests of Commuting Students:

*WSC students who commute may host one (1) authorized guest each.

*A properly affixed guest wristband is required whenever the guest is on campus.

Hosts of Guests:

*A WSC student hosting a guest must escort that guest at all times and is responsible for the guest's behavior. Unescorted guests may be asked to leave.

Motor Vehicles:

*The Ely roadway will be closed at the Power Plant from 10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 20. Entry shall not be authorized, except for emergency vehicles.

*Mobile homes and recreational vehicles shall not be on campus.

*Overnight sleeping in motor vehicles is not permitted be on campus.

*Guests and visitors may park in Faculty/Staff spaces on this weekend

General Public:

*The College campus is open to the public except where prohibited by College policy and/or event regulations which may require special authorization, ticket, and/or an admission fees.

* The outdoor concerts on Saturday, April 20th, require all attendees to present a properly affixed wristband sold at the Ely Campus Center Service Window through Friday, April 19 (provided that the concert is not sold out in advance).

5-5-50

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activities, whether they take place on or off campus, are the same, Scannell said.

The college's punishment for underage drinking or excessive drinking fall under the 5-5-50 rule.

"The management of Chez Josef said they were pleased. The students were enjoying themselves. They felt it was the best event we've ever held there," Student Government Advisor Barbara Hand said.

Everyone was having fun and enjoying themselves, Hand said.

"It was a pretty quiet well run event, very successful," Director of Judicial Affairs Susan Lamontagne said about the Senate Banquet.

Spring Weekend will be the next college event that will include alcohol, and administrators are hoping that the event goes as well as the Senate Banquet did.

There will be a beer tent available for students 21 and over. Whenever a college allows alcoholic events to take place they are taking a risk, Hand said.

"We need to make sure this is a safe event," Hand said of Spring Weekend.

"I will keep my fingers crossed that students will drink responsibly," she added.

Thinking back to past events, Hand said, "I think people were having a good time and not abusing the privilege of being at an event like Spring Weekend."

"It usually is a pretty successful event. Given nice weather, it will be even more successful," Lamontagne said of Spring Weekend.

"Overall the events run pretty smoothly, we put a lot of effort into them," Lamontagne said. "There have been occasions in the past which incidents have occurred, which we've had to deal with."

Some students said they are glad alcohol is allowed at college events, and that the alcohol policies could be looser.

"I think we shoul be able to drink at campus events. It's safer to drink on campus than off campus," Jay Christofori, sophomore said.

"I think they should just turn the other cheek when it comes to underage drinking at campus events such as Spring Weekend," Cristofori said.

"I think it [5-5-50 policy] is too strict, it doesn't really do anything unless you have a serious drinking problem," freshman Courtney Imani McKeithen-Williams said.

Other students said that the alcohol policies on campus are not that bad, and that every college has similar rules.

The 5-5-50 rules are pretty obvious and pretty much common knowledge, Sophomore Scott Munroe said.

Sophomore Laura Dusty said that the rules for off campus events should be the same and have 5-5-50's if you're underage.

"People are gonna drink so I don't think it's too strict of a punishment. There are punishments for underage drinking everywhere," Dusty said.

According to the Student Handbook, the alcohol and drug policy states that no person under the age of 21 may possess, use or be under the influence of alcohol.

1. The delivery and sale of alcohol to underage students is prohibited along with drunken disorderliness.
2. Intoxication is defined as being under the influence of alcohol which requires the attention of college staff or causes disturbances to property or danger to persons. Persons 21 and over may possess and consume alcoholic beverages only in residence halls or apartments which are expressly designated by the college.
3. A resident student of the legal drinking age may bring one case of beer or its alcoholic equivalent into the residence hall or apartment where he or she lives within a weekly period.
4. Hosting of unlawful alcohol gatherings of any nature, defined as any gathering where alcohol is present and any violations of the student conduct code occur, or guests exceed numbers allowed, or where guests under the age of 21 are present are prohibited.
5. Any person under the age of 21 is prohibited from being present at any unlawful alcoholic gathering.
6. Open containers of alcoholic beverages (seal broken) are probited from all public areas of the college.
7. At no time shall a guest, visitor or nonresident bring alcoholic beverages onto college property.

First Offense: Suspension from the college campus for five consecutive weekends. Five hours of participation in community events or a work project and attendance at substance education classes.

Failure to complete participation in community events or a work project prior to the fifth weekend of susupension will result in an automatic continuation of weekend suspension from the college campus. A $50 service fee will be assessed for on-campus substance education classes and made payable within 30 days of the college judicial procedure. Additional sanctions may be given for large amounts of alcohol or disorderly conduct.

Second Offense: Suspension from college housing for one academic semester or more with readmission to occur after verification of counseling evaluation and aftercare.

Third Offense: Suspenion from college for one semester or more with readmission to occur after verification of counseling evaluation and aftercare.

Eldredge

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of SGA," said Representative to Senate for the Class of 2003 and candidate for next year's SGA presidential seat, Rhiannon D'Angelo.

SGA senators and people on campus were disturbed by what happened, Fisher said. "Slowly over the weekend we found out people were upset."

Monday following the incident at the Senate Banquet, Vice President of Student Affairs Arthur Jackson and other advisors held meetings to discuss what would be best for SGA and Eldredge, Barbara Hand, Secretary of SGA, said.

"I think that the overall feeling of the executive counsel was that Shane did what was best for the name of SGA in order to protect the integrity of the organization," Hand said.

Eldredge said his resignation was better for everyone because it kept an impeachment off the official records of the SGA. "The reason why I resigned was I didn't feel it was appropriate that I remained as President and it wasn't fair to SGA," he said. "I resigned to save face for the organization."

This is not the first time in his term as SGA President that Eldredge has been in trouble with campus authorities. In October, Eldredge received disciplinary sanctions for contraband seized from his on-campus apartment and was subsequently forced to move into the dormitory housing.

"I am embarrassed, but I am not going to live in the past," Eldredge said. "I will face whatever comes to me."

But as for SGA, what comes next is a small amount of reorganization, Fisher said.

"We will consolidate the Vice President of Student Life job (Fisher's former title), and get others to do some of the work so a new person doesn't have to take over who doesn't know what they are doing," Fisher said.

Fisher is a senior this year and will only remain in the position of SGA President until new elections are held which are currently scheduled for April 23 and 24.

Despite the unusual turn of events at Tuesday's meeting, Fisher said he was pleased at the number of people on campus that came.

"This is the most people outside of SGA that I've seen at one of our meetings this year," Fisher said. "It was good to see people come down and respond to something that concerned them. I was glad to see that."

For Eldredge, his term as SGA President ended in an unfortunate way, Hand said, but he offered his resignation in the best way that he could.

"I thought it showed an incredible amount of poise to give a verbal resignation," Hand said. "He did a fine job and he enjoyed SGA."

Voice of The Week

Carrie Marie Janik

HOMETOWN: Agawam, MA

POSITION: Director of "Company"

FAMILY: Father, Mother, Brother (22) Sister (16)

YEAR: 2002

MAJOR: English

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: Musical Theatre Guild & Theater Arts Program

LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: Lack of support for student clubs

FAVORITE QUOTE: "Worry about the things you can control let go of the things you can't." ~Author Unknown

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JEREMIAH PIKE
2002
COMMUNICATION

"WHEN PEOPLE ASK FOR A VEGITARIAN SUB WITH ROAST BEEF."

KEITH MCCLAY
2003
ENGLISH

"EVERYONE COMPLAINING ABOUT HOW WE MAKE THE SANDWICHES."

KRISTEN JOYCE
2003
ENGLISH

"GROUCHY PEOPLE WITH HANGOVERS WHO COME IN ON SUNDAYS."

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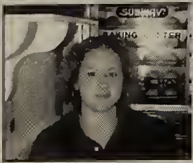
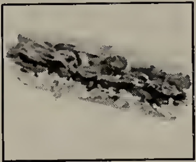


"WHEN PEOPLE COME IN EVEN THOUGH THE GATE IS CLOSED"

JULIE GREENBERG-FEINBERG
2005
UNDECIDED

"GETTING CUT INTO WITH THOSE LITTLE KNIVES THEN GETTING MY HEAD BITTEN OFF."

STEVE THE SUB
2004
UNDECIDED



Voices Overheard compiled by Tom Perron

Company

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credited by some for laying the foundation for post-Golden Age musicals. Janik said she and her crew have been working extremely hard to capture what Company is all about.

Janik said auditions began during the last week in February, with the cast and crew rehearsing 5-6 times a week since then.

"This is a real short amount of time to put something like this together," Janik said. "It's been intense, but they've all dedicated so much of their time and they're all awesome."

"The cast has been establishing real relationships with one another during the past few months. Since they play married couples, they've had to get really close to each other to be able to perform successfully. It's really added to the amount of fun we've had," Janik said.

In addition to being the Director of Company, Janik was also assistant director for last semester's Fiddler on the Roof. She has also directed a short play for WSC's theatre department. Cassidy, who is playing the role of Robert, is the assistant director for Company.

Tickets are currently on sale at the Ely Service Window and will also be available at the door. The price for students and senior citizens is $2, $4 for faculty, staff and alumni and $6 for general admission.

Sigma Tau Delta
English Honor Society
will hold its next meeting on
Wednesday, April 24
at 7 p.m.
in Bates 119 (Bates Lounge)

SGA Elections

Elections will be held Tuesday and Wednesday April 23rd and 24th in the lobby of Ely.

Executive Council
Rhiannon D'Angelo-SGA President
Bob McDonald-Student Trustee
Corrine Hairston-Parris-Student Trustee
Tracy Oliver-VP of Student Life
Angela LaPierre-VP of Programming
Chris Murray-VP of Finance
Gavin Bailey-VP of Finance
Magaly Santana-Treasurer
Robert Zielonka-Treasurer
Lauren Stearley-Executive Secretary
Katelin Kennedy-Legislative Secretary

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Rachael Gross- Secretary
Keith Newell-Treasurer
Karen DeCoste-Historian
Christine Augusta-Representative to the Foundation
Amanda Dufresne-Representative to Senate
Scott Umbrianna-Representative to Senate

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Thomas Perron-Representative to Senate

Class of 2005
Ashley Zolenski-President
Shauna Wilson-Vice President
Sarah Muollo-Representative to Senate
Julie Swartwout-Representative to Senate
Shawn LaHair-Representative to Senate

All College Representatives
Kristin Swenson
Paul Devine
John Moynagh

MASSPIRG will also be on the ballot for students to cast their votes in the reaffirmation process. The ballot question will be MASSPIRG Student chapters is a statewide, student directed and student funded, nonpartisan organization working to protect the environment, end hunger and homelessness, defend higher education, and reinvigorate democracy among students. Do you support the continuation of MASSPIRG at WSC funded by a $7.00 per semester waivable fee? Anyone not wanting to pay the fee may waive it at the time of billing.

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Some of the concerns that the committee had regarding the college's mission and purpose included the fact that the annual reports from each department do not always tie into the mission statement of the college.

The second standard that Warden discussed was the planning and evaluation of the college.

"The community is dedicated and loyal to the college," Warden said.

He also said that the college receives "excellent annual reports from some areas."

The third area discussed was governance.

"The college has a vigorous and involved Board of Trustees," Warden said. "The student government is capable and well respected."

Programs and instruction was the third standard that Warden discussed.

Warden said that the college is "served by professionals loyal to the institution and proud of the accomplishments of their students."

Warden also said that the college is doing a good job of attracting strong and well qualified students."

He also acknowledged that the institution has a continuing education program that offers 9 different programs that can be completed entirely through night classes.

Also, by increasing the Urban Education Department, the college is getting closer to reaching its diversity goals.

On the downside, some of the concerns that the committee found were that "staff budgets are inadequate, class sizes are creeping up" and that by using more adjunct faculty, the institution is "undermining quality."

Warden said that by being increasingly dependent on the use of adjunct faculty members to teach regular classes, the institution "will weaken its undergraduate program in many ways."

The fifth area of concentration dealt with the faculty.

Warden described the faculty at Westfield State College as "well credentialed and enthusiastic." He attributes most of this to the small class sizes that most professors deal with.

Student services were the sixth area on which the committee reviewed WSC.

Warden said that the movement of Student Administrative Services (SAS) all together to one place, the 333 building, was "effective."

Warden listed many facts about the campus. Two of the facts he mentioned were that WSC is the 5th safest campus in the Commonwealth and that WSC has the highest quality point average (QPA) in the state college system.

The seventh standard was library and information resources.

Warden said, "[Information] is easy to access for on and off campus use [through the library's website]."

Facilities was the next issue discussed.

Warden said that the buildings are "remarkably well maintained."

The visiting team said they felt that one major issue was the lack of accessibility to buildings by students with handicaps.

The ninth issue of investigation was financial resources.

Warden said that even though next year student fees will face an increase, "Student costs remain affordable."

He also said that next year the college might face "potential instability." This instability, he added, may lead to reducing course offerings and increasing class sizes.

The idea of public disclosure of the college was the tenth standard the NEASC visiting team discussed.

Warden said that the college has a public affairs department with a "small, but dedicated staff."

One suggestion that the committee made was that the college's web page could be more "streamlined."

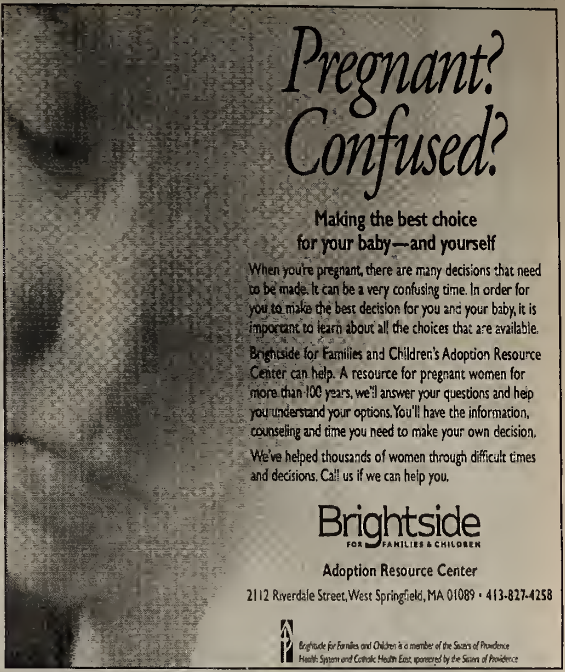
The eleventh and final standard addressed by the committee was the integrity of the institution.

Warden said that even though there may be some salary inequities, the college is working towards diversity and equal opportunity.

The number of female staff numbers has increased 7 percent, he said.

Frederick Woodward, President of WSC, seemed proud of the college

"WSC did extremely well," he said.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A window washer, a squeegee and a clean getaway from death

Libby Copeland
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON-It sits like a precious gemstone on a blue tablecloth, the object of lengthy stares and clicking cameras. The curator hovers over it with white gloves, guarding it jealously. It took him four months and a trip to the donor's house in Jersey City, N.J., to procure this item.

``I popped the question as we sat there with my wife and daughter," curator David Shayt says of that first meeting with the donor. ``He said, 'Wait a minute.' He goes into the bedroom and brings it out. He says, 'I thought I would sleep with this under my pillow because it saved my life.'"

Shayt glances nervously over his shoulder now. ``I just have to keep an eye on the object," Shayt says, excusing himself.

The Object. It is neither art nor weapon nor precious substance. It is not at ignorant glance the sort of thing you'd expect the National Museum of American History to covet. It is a hardy tool, a triumph of pragmatism, made of brass so it will not rust, an object whose particular fame is derived from a use utterly different from its intended purpose. It is a squeegee handle, and on Sept. 11, it and the coolheaded thinking of a humble window washer saved the lives of six men.

``It's collected not as a squeegee handle itself," Shayt says, ``but as evidence of life's affirmation."

With the help of his squeegee handle, the metal fixture that connects blade to broomstick, Polish immigrant Jan Demczur and five others escaped from a smoke-filled elevator by tearing through drywall and punching a hole in a bathroom wall on the 50th floor, then racing down flight after interminable flight of stairs and out of the World Trade Center's north tower within five minutes of the building's collapse.

The 48-year-old window washer, who came to the United States in 1980, is a short, chubby-cheeked man with a serene smile. For months, he kept that squeegee handle in his closet, plaster dust still stuck to it evidence of his harrowing escape. That handle is now the embodiment of a 14-year career that ever since that fateful day he has been unable to return to. After Shayt contacted him, Demczur agreed to donate the tool to the Smithsonian's growing collection of Sept. 11 artifacts, some of which will go on display on the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

At first, Demczur (pronounced DEM-shur) had difficulty telling of that day. But by now, at this media conference announcing his donation, he speaks of Sept. 11 at length, stopping to describe the details of his 95-minute ordeal in 40 minutes. He is calm, patient and meticulous, and perhaps that is part of why he is alive. Panic would not have aided his escape.

It was just before 9 a.m. and Demczur had stopped to take a coffee break. Now he boarded an express elevator with his squeegee and bucket and was riding up with five other men when the car suddenly rocked from side to side. Then it began to fall. One man pressed an emergency stop button, then a voice came over the intercom speaker inside the elevator car.

``We have a problem, 91st floor," Demczur recalls the voice saying. Then the intercom failed.

Smoke began to fill the cab. They had to get out. The men pried open the elevator doors to find:

A wall.

This was, after all, the express elevator, designed to stop only on certain floors. And since Floor 50 was not on the route, there was simply this barrier with the number 50 on it, a claustrophobic's nightmare.

Demczur propped the doors open with the long stick of his squeegee. And then the window washer, who'd once been a plumber and once done construction work, poked at the wall and realized it was drywall. Not so bad. Breakable. The men began to kick at the wall, but Demczur knew they needed something sharp to carve through the three sheets, each an inch thick.

``I turned to my bucket. I said, 'Eh, let me use the squeegee.' " Demczur says. ``It's like, not so smart person but the instinct: What you have left to try."

He took the blade out of his squeegee and began to saw at the wall. He sawed and sawed. He passed the squeegee blade around, and the men took turns cutting a hole. At one point, when Demczur had the blade, he lost his grip and it dropped down the elevator shaft.

Gone. Forever gone.

He looked around: What did he have left? The squeegee handle. He began to scratch at the drywall with that.

``It's like, you know, you put dog or cat in some box and put smoke there, how he gonna fight for life? Same we did."

By scratching and kicking and kicking and scratching, the men got through the first, the second, the third layer of drywall. They pushed at the wall and heard tiles falling on the other side. They stepped through the hole and into a bathroom. From there, firefighters directed them down the stairs. They kept wet rags over their noses and mouths and choked through the smoke. On the 12th floor, they heard ``a loud explosion. I said, 'Oh, that's probably electrical transformer or something.'"

It was the south tower collapsing.

Demczur is humble to the last. He says of those six lives saved: ``I don't say I did myself. We all was working, but this tool save our life."

When he finishes his speech, the crowd moves in. Shayt, the curator, puts the squeegee handle in a plastic bag and takes charge of Demczur's other donations: the uniform, and work shoes Demczur was wearing that day. Assorted dignitaries of the window-washing world have their pictures taken with the man of the hour. They are people like Diane Smahlik, chairwoman of Ettore Products of Oakland, Calif., which made the tools Demczur was using that day. After she heard Demczur's story, Smahlik flew him to the International Window Cleaning Association convention in Reno, Nev., in February, and gave him a small 14-karat gold squeegee pin with three sapphires in it.

``Window cleaners get looked down on, they really do," Smahlik says. ``They're hard-working people. They put their lives in jeopardy, hanging from buildings."

The Smithsonian staffers are surprised by how many reporters (about 25) have shown up and they buzz anxiously about Demczur, eyes to wristwatches, ready to whisk him away to the next interview when the time is up. The window washer, supported by his wife, Nadia, and children, Pavlo, 10, and Olesia, 14, tells his story over and over. Once he starts talking, it's hard for him to stop.

He says he's still in counseling for his trauma. He says his wife has been giving him small tasks around the house. ``Wife say, 'OK, water the pots and flowers,'" he says.

He has a slow, patient manner, just the sort of quality you imagine a window washer would need. You imagine him with a long-handled squeegee stroking the length of a tall window, drawing what Shayt calls ``beautiful arabesques in water and suds."

Maybe someday.

-File Photo

School excels in reading by sticking with what works

Richard Lee Colvin
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON- From outside, Seaton Elementary School doesn't look like a national model for anything, except maybe urban decay. The windows of the beige brick building are barred, the garden out back is littered with beer bottles, and the adjacent blocks are scarred by the crumbling bulks of once-graceful brownstones.

But after being buzzed in past the security doors, a visitor can see reading taught with an intensity and structure that the Bush administration wants to replicate across the United States.

Test scores have soared at Seaton, as has enthusiasm for reading. That has happened despite characteristics that have been barriers to learning elsewhere: Virtually all of Seaton's students are poor enough to qualify for federally subsidized meals, and English is not the first language for a third of them.

``These kids can do it ... regardless of what people think, as long as they're given appropriate instruction," said Seaton Principal Willy Lamb. ``Not that they don't come with some issues. But what we're trying to do is deal with those issues while still teaching them."

The school is being used to bolster the argument that the nation's schools should stop embracing instructional fads and begin teaching lessons grounded in cognitive and educational science.

That culture shift is laid out in the education reform bill signed by President Bush in January. The Education Department will hand out more than $5 billion over the next five years for states to promote teaching reading based on what the legislation calls ``scientifically based reading research."

Not philosophy. Not instinct. Not hope. Science.

At Seaton recently, preschoolers clamored over an inflated plastic doll called ``Miss F" and begged for the chance to write the letter on the chalkboard. Then they all stood and stretched, touching their ``fingers" to their ``feet."

Such a lesson is based on research that has found that even 3-year-olds enjoy learning letters and sounds, giving them an early and fun start on skills crucial for actual reading.

Here, children begin reading in kindergarten. In one class, the children gathered around teacher Mary Hale could barely contain themselves as they repeated phrases such as ``Andy Apple is an acrobat" and read in unison words rhyming with ``at."

Second-graders during a recent visit were writing a response to a story using words such as ``quarrel" and ``warrior." And in a fifth-grade class, every student was able to flawlessly and passionately read his or her lines in a play about the Underground Railroad heroics of Harriet Tubman.

None of that was happening five years ago. That's when Seaton became one of nine District of Columbia schools in a federally sponsored study of the effects of a structured phonics program bolstered by intensive teacher training.

The difference, said veteran fourth-grade teacher Mary Woods, is ``almost like night and day. These kids have a cockiness and a self-confidence because they know how to attack words."

That pleases Susan B. Neuman, assistant U.S. secretary of Education in charge of overseeing the overhaul of reading lessons nationally.

She began her career three decades ago in Berkeley, Calif., teaching in an open classroom of first-, second- and third-graders. Back then, she said, the dominant progressive philosophy held that children's natural curiosity would help them learn to read more or less on their own. Neuman and colleagues didn't so much as teach, she said, as they ``trailed the children as they went through activity, activity, activity."

Some children did learn to read. But many did not. And they suffered the consequences, Neuman recently told educators gathered in Washington from 23 states to learn about the administration's Reading First and Early Reading First programs.

She left teaching after eight years for what was to turn out to be an illustrious career as a reading researcher. But she used the experience of seeing her students struggle as she sampled different techniques.

``We do have evidence. We do know what works," Neuman told the educators.

The evidence was summed up in 2000 by the National Reading Panel, mandated by Congress. To tap into the new federal reading money, states will have to agree to promote teaching consistent with its findings.

The money is far more than has ever before been made available.

Typically, the federal government has left such decisions to the states. And, reading policy varies greatly. California, for example, already mandates phonics in early reading lessons. Other states, such as Connecticut, leave such decisions up to local districts.

In addition, for at least 50 years, the dogma of how best to teach reading has swung from one extreme to another, often amid rancorous debate.

Recently, ``whole language" approaches that encouraged children to intuit the nuts and bolts of how words worked have been losing out to the direct teaching of the sounds associated with letters.

Neuman said the administration's approach cannot properly be labeled either ``whole language" or ``phonics." Rather, she said, it is comprehensive and stresses direct teaching, as opposed to the student-centered activities common when she began her career.

But some experts say the practices the administration promotes go well beyond what the reading panel recommends.

P. David Pearson, dean of the University of California, Berkeley Graduate School of Education, said the research cited by the panel says phonics lessons are effective in kindergarten and first grade. Beyond that, he said, there's little evidence to support their use.

Pearson said he also worries that the administration is putting too much emphasis on what's known as phonemic awareness, or the skill of being able to detect the individual sounds within words. The panel's research suggests about 18 hours of such lessons are all that's necessary, he said. But widely used commercial programs devote far more time than that to such training.

Violence in Israel has sent Americans packing and unpacking as well

Lonnae O'Neal Parker
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON-Ranit Mishori, a native of Israel who has lived in the United States since 1988, frequently interrupts her phone conversation to offer comfort or bark orders to her two children in Hebrew. Then she resumes her struggle for words.

The former journalist, who covered the war in Bosnia and graduates from Georgetown University medical school next month, has just returned from a two-week Passover trip to Israel with her husband and kids, ages 5 and 2. Mishori and her busband, who is not Jewish, had debated whether they should go. Now she's trying to find the words to explain why, in the face of daily violence and threats of suicide bombings, she felt they had to.

``I have a choice of being there or being here in relative safety, but all my friends and family and people I love don't have that choice," she says. ``Maybe my going there was a way of showing solidarity with them."

Mishori, who disagrees with many Israeli government policies, says that while a lot of American Jews travel to Israel to show solidarity, she didn't go to show political support. She went straight from one relative's house to the next, forgoing her usual stops at shops and restaurants; she went because she didn't want ``to wimp out."

For Mishori, ``it's a matter of personal chutzpah."

For others, it's something else entirely.

Daniel Zemel, the rabbi at Temple Micah in Washington, attended a rabbinical conference in Israel last month. It's normally a trip he would have made with his wife, but they decided it was irresponsible for both to leave their three kids to go into a war zone. He went alone, dining in nearly empty restaurants to the intense gratitude of their owners.

Zemel, an ardent supporter of Israel, said he believes American Jews ``need to support the family" but doesn't fault those who decide not to go. ``What I'm saying to my congregation is that these are all very, very personal decisions."

It's another tense, mercurial time in the Middle East. And, like seemingly every other move undertaken there, the decision to travel is fraught with meaning and symbolism a lot of guilt, and not a little danger. There's nothing ``everyday" about anything anymore.

In February, a judge ruled that because of the current wave of violence, a Birmingham, Ala., mother would have to forfeit custody of her 2-year-old daughter if she moved to Israel. Last Tuesday, the State Department warned U.S. citizens against traveling to the region. In the past week, 11 restaurants have closed in Tel Aviv, a spokesman for the Israeli Restaurant Association says.

Last month, Fred Zeidman, chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum here, decided to cancel a trip by five staff members to a Holocaust survivors conference in Jerusalem, only to reverse himself a few weeks later. ``It's extremely difficult for me," Zeidman says. ``I have been an ardent Zionist my entire life."

Canceling the trip went against his personal convictions, but he decided that although ``I can risk my own life, I can't risk the lives of my employees." Then, after conversations with others, Zeidman decided the museum would not require anyone to attend but would support anyone who did. Of the five staffers, he would say only that some went and some did not.

``It is a deep struggle within the heart and soul of every Jew in America," Zeidman says. ``There is a real and extreme danger over there right now, and every Jew makes his own decision." In that morass, he faults only ``those who are critical of what's going on over there but not willing to become personally involved."

"It used to be if you didn't go to the West Bank and certain parts of Jerusalem, you were safe. Right now, you're not safe anywhere."
Ranit Mishori

David Bellin heads a travel agency in the Galilee region of Israel. Since October 2000, he says, his family tours have plummeted. ``On the other hand, there has been a steady stream of American Jews who come on solidarity missions," he says. ``Oftentimes, increased violence in the region has indeed contributed to increased registration on solidarity missions."

He characterizes these solidarity missions as three- to five-day trips in which Jews meet academics and people hospitalized and affected by the violence. ``There is this feeling among many Israelis that we're in this together," Bellin says. ``In the past when we've been in need, American Jews have always been by our side."

Marlene Post is chairman of the outreach group Birthright Israel, which for three years has sponsored free educational trips to Israel for young Jewish adults around the world. She says there's been a 40 percent drop-off among those who signed up for the next trip leaving New York in May.

Post says Jewish parents have criticized her for not canceling the twice-yearly trips. The kids often still want to go and the parents will call and say, ``I don't want my child going on this trip, and because you're still running it they think it's OK."

But canceling the trips isn't an option, she says. ``We believe first that this is an extraordinary educational experience, and number two, the situation at the present time only adds to that educational experience. They are not there just to say, 'Rah-rah Israel, keep doing what you're doing.' We present them with all sides of the issues."

On the phone, Ranit Mishori continues to struggle to describe what is deeply personal and indecipherably complex.

Growing up in Israel and working as a journalist in war zones taught her that even amid chaos, people have to go to the grocery store and show up for work. But in Israel right now, it's worse than ever, she says. ``In a car, every time I stopped at a stop light, I would get all tense and think, 'Oh my God, what if the bus blows up right now?'

``Israel used to be the perfect place for kids, with all these shows and productions for kids. This time, it was just going from my friends' house, to my parents' house to a cousin's house." She calls it a siege mentality, a feeling that stayed with her the entire visit, not leaving until they did.

``Once we were up in the sky, I felt a total relaxation and I realized how tense I had been," Mishori says. ``It used to be if you didn't go to the West Bank and certain parts of Jerusalem, you were safe. Right now, you're not safe anywhere."

And of those who are, many somehow find that deeply troublesome as well.

Evidence of battle litters Arab town

Edward A. Gargan
Newsday

NABLUS, West Bank -All that broke the stillness here, for an anxious moment, were the desperate cries of a baby.

Then, a deep, echoing boom reverberated through the ancient stone alleyways of the Casbah, followed by the chatter of automatic weapons and the churning, grinding sound of tanks moving to new positions.

In the Casbah, in the very heart of the West Bank's largest Palestinian town, Palestinian fighters staged their last stand, a vain effort to resist the assault of Israel's army. But, after four bloody days, the Israeli forces appeared to have flushed out nearly all the young men who battled from behind makeshift barricades of Dumpsters, oil drums and sandbags, and they effectively established control over the entire city.

There is no final death toll here, but in the constricted flagstone passages of the Casbah, the stench of death lingers in the air.

There are, though, a few fighters who escaped the Casbah and who, wounded, managed to reach hospitals for treatment. They spoke of the attack on their city by the Israeli army, an attack the Israelis have said was designed to eliminate what they call ``the terrorist infrastructure" built by the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat.

``When I heard the Israelis were coming, I went down to the Casbah," said Mohanad Tebuleh, 28, a shopkeeper from a Nablus suburb. ``I went down there, and I didn't want to take my younger brother he is 21 but he was there before me. We went there to protect our families."

``When I went," he continued, ``I had no weapon. I used a weapon of someone who died. I had a kind of machine gun, an M-16. But it was very old and didn't work very well. It only fired one shot at a time, not automatically."

``We weren't an army," Tebuleh said, speaking outside a hospital in Nablus. ``We weren't an organized militia. We were only trying to defend ourselves."

Then on Saturday, he said, he was slightly wounded in the leg and shoulder. In that attack by a helicopter gunship, he said, 10 fighters were killed and 30 were injured. Tebuleh's version of the fighting and its casualties could not be independently verified.

Tebuleh maintained that he did not belong to any of the militant groups that have taken up arms against the Israelis or launched suicide bombings. ``I'm a shopkeeper," he said. ``I used to blame people who went into Israel to blow themselves up. But now I don't. The Palestinians don't have tanks. We only have our bodies."

On the edges of the Casbah, the brutality of the fighting was apparent. At what was once Tukan Mall, a shopping arcade named after one of the most famous Palestinian poets, the plate-glass windows were shattered and the shops gutted. Geysers of water flowed from broken pipes, and newly laid paving stones were uprooted by the treads of armored vehicles.

Deep in the Old City, the remains of defensive barriers remained: a sand-filled Dumpster blocking one passageway, strings of electrical cord wired to unexploded booby traps, a plastic bag filled with Molotov cocktails, pipe bombs scattered in waterlogged gutters.

And everywhere, like scattered petals, gleamed brass cartridges from the automatic weapons fired through the streets.

On Al-Nasser, or Victory, Street, Atidehl Kondeel peeked from the door of her house as a small group of journalists, all clad in heavy bullet-proof vests and helmets, crept past.

``They have taken my husband," she said quietly. ``They have taken my husband, my brother, my son."

Her eyes tearing with fear and desperation, Kondeel said Israeli troops bashed in the heavy wooden door to her cramped stone house before dawn Sunday. ``They shot tear gas at us," she said, ``and then bulled us out of the house... .They searched the house and turned everything upside down. My eldest son was handcuffed.

``I don't know where they were taken," she said. As she wept, her 7-year-old daughter clutched her legs, shaking.

A neighbor appeared on the street with a tale of her own. ``They have taken my son," she said. But Hannan Abu Ahmed said he was not captured but had surrendered in response to the Israeli army's demands that all men between the ages of 18 and 40 turn themselves in for interrogation.

``They have taken everybody in the neighborhood," she said. ``They called on loudspeakers, so he went out. I don't know where he is."

As the tiny group of journalists moved through the Casbah, residents stuck their heads through windows, begging for help, for water, for transportation to a hospital. Since Wednesday, the Casbah has been without water and power, and most people said their food, which many here buy on a daily basis, had run out.

From an apartment building outside the Casbah, one elderly lady, her head swathed in a white blanket, cried out, ``We want flour to make bread. We want water."

And then, in a final lament, she shouted, ``God is greater than the Jews, the collaborators, the infidels."

Kevin's Korner

KEVIN HEATON

I would like to commend Mr. Jeff Eagan for his March 4th letter concerning Run DMC. Mr. Eagan's opinion should be taken seriously by SGA, since he is a member of the student body. Instead of writing a nasty letter, Ms. LaPierre could at least consider his opinion, even if she disagrees. In general, SGA has a reputation on campus for not wanting to challenge the administration. Perhaps they could have asked why the College is spending money on a shuttle bus instead of on improving the onc weekend of the year when it is worth being on campus. More money could be spent on Spring Weekend if SGA demanded more, and was willing to fight.

The situation in Israel right now is beyond tragic. While there is no justification for suicide bombings, it is no wonder many Palestinians are angry at Israel. They have been forced to stay in their homes, while tanks roll down their streets. Isn't it ironic that President Bush has called for peace between the Israelis and Palestinians, while he plans another US attack on Iraq? Why has he waited until now? Could it be that he wants to make himself look good, to gain support for Middle Eastern countries for an invasion of Iraq?

A group of Amherst residents and students are planning to pass out leaflets in front of the Amherst Post Office tomorrow, April 16th, from about 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. on this matter. If anyone would like to join them or do this in their own community, it would be a great way to show support for the Palestinian people. Another simple action would be to sign the petitions on Al-Awda.org, the Palestine Right to Return Coalition. Included is one to stop the $3 billion in aid the US gives to Israel each year. There is also one supporting the Palestinians' basic right to return to their homeland.

Why does Mr. Ward have to resort to such childishness, as he did in last week's issue? The point I was trying to make was that if you label something as "homosexual pedophilia," this is an attack on gays and lesbians. Pedophilia has nothing to do with sexual orientation. Catholic priests have had more contact with boys than with girls. There have been cases of girls molested by priests.

Please send comments and suggestions to Kevwsc@hotmail.com

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I read your column pertaining to the campus police and some of your information is flawed and misleading. I first would like to say I have a great deal of respect for the campus police and I think they do a great job, but to compare them to State Troopers is like comparing apples to oranges.

First of all, campus police officers under Mass general law are called Special State Police Officers, or SSPO's. They are not the same as the troopers, and the ONLY similarity is that they are both employed by the Commonwealth.

Second, you stated that the SSPO go through 14 weeks of Academy training and 9 weeks of on the job training. This in no way is close to the amount that the State Troopers go through. State Troopers endure a 26 week LIVE-IN academy. The recruits start their day at 5:30am and don't get done unit 9:30pm, Monday through Friday. Their training also includes military drills and demands discipline that mimics the Marine Corps. The SSPO do nothing even close to that intensity. When the stato police recruits complete their 26 weeks of hell, then they have to go through a 12 week on the job training before they are allowed on their own.

Third, you also failed to mention 30,000 people try to get into the Mass State Police, and of those maybe 300 are taken. Becoming a SSPO is far less competitive.

So by stating the SSPO are in every way State Troopers is incorrect and very misleading to your readers, who do not know any better.

RJ Waskiewicz

Special letter from the News Editor:

On Tuesday, April 9, 2002, The Campus Voice received a phone call from two "concerned roommates" on campus. They called to "voice their concern on the grammatical errors" in last week's edition of The Campus Voice. I truly appreciate feedback from the Westfield State community. But, you have to remember that The Campus Voice is a student-run newspaper. There are 8 students up here every week and we're doing the best we can.

We do not get paid for the effort and long hours put into each and every edition. We do not get credits toward graduation. Many times, we do not get any gratitude from students or faculty. What keeps us coming back every week is the company of each other in the office and the pride we feel every Monday afternoon when the paper comes out.

Of course we're going to make mistakes. We're only human.

I encourage people that feel the Voice could be better to attend our meetings Sundays at 7 p.m. in Ely C-248 or stop by on a Wednesday night to witness the work we do. It's like anything else in life: you don't have a right to criticize something unless you make the effort to get involved.

Meg Canning, 2002
News Editor of The Campus Voice

Mr. Nice Guy

SCOTT TOOMEY

"There are three rules to live by: never get less than 12 hours of sleep, never play cards with a guy who has the same first name as a city, and never date a woman who has a tattoo of a dagger on her body. You stick with that, everything else is cream cheese!" Coach Finstock from the movie 'Teen Wolf'

That's kind of funny huh? 'Teen Wolf' is such a classic movie. I have been finding myself quoting Scott Howard (the main character from the movie for those who have been living under a rock since 1970) massively these past few days. I'm not sure why though. Weird.

I've been having a rough time coming to grips with some things lately. But it's not really anything worth complaining about since I'm the idiot that got myself in all of this garbage in the first place. I need to take responsibility for my own actions. You can always tell that the end of the year is coming around because it's the only time of year that I sort of start to get moody. Not like I really have any work to do or anything but I don't know. Everything just starts to come to a head. Whether you actually care about things or not, it all starts crashing down at the same time and sometimes its tough to deal with. I've always been one who has never really had much trouble in that area though. So by the time I finish this column for you, I'll most likely be over whatever it is that's bothering me. I think it's just gotten to the point where I'm ready for the year to be over. Just pack my bags for me and ship me back to good 'ole Berlin, Mass.

Anyway, enough of the useless crap. I've got something that I need to do for the campus of Westfield State. I need to hype up Spring Weekend. You have heard me say it before I'm sure, but one good thing to look forward to about that particular weekend is that everyone is nice to each other on campus. It doesn't happen often people, so take advantage. Now I know a lot of you aren't too pumped about the particular bands that we're having. People think that Run DMC is too old and won't be able to put on the kind of show that we want to have. But remember one thing. When the campus heard that Naughty by Nature would be headlining the Spring Weekend of '00, we were skeptical then too. But they ended up putting on an awesome performance. Besides the fact that they showed up like an hour late, everything went down really well and people went home pleased. It was more expensive back then too. 10 dollars is a fantastic deal.

For you hardcore Spring Weekend fanatics, the loss of Itchy Fish from this year's show is not a total loss. We have managed to book an up and coming band that in my view will be a rad replacement for the years to come. Split Shift, formerly known as Children of the Korn, will take the stage and rock your socks off. Guaranteed. Just a little background on these guys. When they toured as Children of the Korn, all they did was play Korn covers. They came last year and did a pretty awesome job. The Korn thing was definitely done to death though when they actually played on stage with Korn themselves and played in front of about 25,000 people at WAAF's Locobazooka a few years back. So don't worry about that. They definitely have the artillery to knock you on your ass. But now that they are Split Shift, they're writing original music and I've heard some of it on WCCC and Laser and it kicks ass.

> **Split Shift, formerly known as Children of the Korn, will take the [Spring Weeknd] stage and rock your socks off. Guaranteed.**

Mr. Lif I don't know too much about but I've heard lots of good things. And to top it all off, WSC's own Three Apples High will kick it off on Saturday. So pay the 10 dollars and go, Saturday, April 20th. You will not be disappointed. GUARANTEED. And folks, Scott Toomey never guarantees anything.

Okay, 'Saved By The Bell' is definitely coming on in like 2 minutes so I'd better jam. Talk to you all next week. One love. Peace.

Movie Of The Week: "Loser". Starring: Jason Biggs and Mena Suvari. This is my theme movie. HAHAHA. Totally just joking. My theme movie is "Swingers."

3 CD's In My Stereo While Writing This Column: 1) Static-X - Machine 2) Orange Island - The Shape Of Calling 3) Cold - Thirteen Ways To Bleed On Stage

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The Cut

CHRIS WARD

Spring is here, which of course means nothing to that select group of very special individuals who have no concept of dressing for the seasons (how are things at NASA?)... Well, a lowered body temperature inhibits the production of sperm so by wearing your wifebeaters and shorts all winter you were actually giving natural selection (and the human gene pool) a little extra help.

Meeko says that fake tans are obvious (orange) looking and that "To the girls who went somewhere warm for Spring Break, you're all clear to take those braids out now."

> **"To the girls who went somewhere warm for Spring Break, you're all clear to take those braids out now"**

Nick and I were discussing that there's a positive side to everything, even breaking up. Usually a nasty breakup, overall, is good for a girl's figure. It's also true that the positive side of Hitler was probably the Volkswagen, which he designed (according to legend.). Hey... hippies, who hate war, drive Volkswagens. The original "Darren" on the TV show "Bewitched" was Dick Sargeant. He was eventually replaced by Dick York. Together they make Sargeant (sic)York. Weird. (we're mid-ADHD paragraph now, still with me?) One hundred years ago, beneath the mattress of a bed was a system of small ropes which served a function similar to perhaps a box spring of today. The ropes would stretch and sag daily, so there was a winch attached to them which you would turn at night to retighten the ropes and firm up the mattress. This is the origin of the term "sleep tight." Shout out to Sarah and Sinead...okay, get a load of this...

In September of 1945, Japan's plan was to drop a bomb laden with the bubonic plague virus upon San Diego, California. The theory had originally been explored by using ten chinese prisoners who, like rats, had been locked in a room with thousands of plague-carrying fleas. (Six became infected and four of the prisoners died of bubonic, or "black" plague.) This bomb had been tested upon the city of Ningbo, China, where at least 109 perished. Fortunately, we dropped the atom bomb twice on the Japanese which forced their surrender and saved the city of San Diego. I think that our decision to use atomic weapons against Japan, which some see as a great American Injustice, should be in that context. The fact is that we used atomic weapons to stop germ warfare (which was already internationally banned) on our mainland. Good call. (plus San Diego is key.)

RZA (a.k.a. Rakeem Zig-Zag-Zig Allah) from Wu-Tang clan is a vegetarian. He also got right with Garry Shandling at Warren Beatty's house (well that's what he said in an interview). Big bucks! No Whammies! Run DMC, cool with me ('cause I'm old.) Cover bands, not so much.

I gotta split, I think this housewife I've been IMing is finally gonna send me a nudie.

Peace and balance.

C. Ward is a Voice columnist

Nose Knows...maybe

KRISTINA MARTINELLI

Dear Ma'am,

I am your tumor that is living inside of your body where it is all nice and warm. Where do I live you might ask? Your breast. The breast is the most common place to find cancer. There was a small chance that I would make a home in the guy next door (0.76%) but I like you better. You're cuter than he is.

Thirty years ago, when you were in your twenties, you would hardly have to worry about me. Now that you are getting older, I find you to be more and more appealing as the years go by. In twenty years, at the age of 70, cancer cells and tissues like me would have found you most attractive, but I couldn't wait any longer. I got a bit anxious.

Yup, so here I sit, growing slowly. I'm sure that soon you will realize that I am here. You probably would have found me much sooner, but you forgot to get your mammograms. Man I hate those things; they find me when I am so young and new to this world.

When you do find me though, my time is up. Who knows how you will find me? It could be by a discharge, you could feel a firm mass, or you could have redness or orange peel skin texture. Well, however it is, I'm sure you'll rush into an oncologist's office and he'll make sure that I'm here. You may get a mammogram, an ultrasound, or a CAT scan.

You'll probably have surgery and get me removed, either a mastectomy or lumpectomy. I'm the doctor's are calling the procedure a mastectomy. Well, just for having me removed you'll have to get physical therapy and you'll be out of work for 6 weeks. See what I can do for you. I could have expanded into other parts of your body too. Just think of the pain I could have put you through.

I realize that my time is short here, whether you find me or not. I just thought that we should get acquainted seeing as how we live together on such a close basis.

Sincerely, Your Tumor.

I'm sure that everyone noticed that the week of February 3, 2002 was breast cancer week, at least if you were living in the dorms The pink ribbons being sold were symbols for breast cancer awareness. This is a serious issue and I think that raising awareness is a step in the right direction.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed, even more so than lung, colon and prostate cancer. Not only does breast cancer affect women, but also a small percentage of men (0.76%) are diagnosed with cancer each year. This is only 0.2% of all cancers in males. An estimated 181,000 people will be diagnosed with this disease this year.

As for the letter, I needed a way to bring up the topic without boring you so much you stopped reading my column. If you got this far, thanks. To find out more about this topic, go to http://breast-doctor.com/index.htm. This is the site where I got most of my facts from and if you have any questions, I'm sure you will find the answer there.

Thanks.

K. Martinelli is a Voice columnist

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A Mile In My Shoes

MEG CANNING (& Tony Musante)

If I told you how I met Tony, you would laugh. One cold March night, freshman year, we literally stumbled into each other on the second floor in Scanlon Hall. We were friends for the remaining part of the year and into the summer. It wasn't until the end of that summer that I developed a huge crush on him. A few weeks later, I found out he felt the same way when he asked me to be his girlfriend. Two years later, he asked me to be his wife.

Going through senior year of college as an engaged woman is strange to say the least. I've gotten many comments like, "Congratulations, I'm so happy for you!" But I've also listened to many tell me I'm too young and I'm making a big mistake. They have no idea how wrong they are.

Tony and I started off as a very immature couple two and a half years ago. We went to parties together but never hung out there, just before and after. It wasn't until our junior year that things changed and developed for the better.

I left for a semester abroad in England on September 17, 2000. Tony left Westfield State and joined the US Air Force and took off for basic training two days after me. We communicated through letters but didn't get to speak for two months. On December 22, we finally saw each other. It's been a long distance relationship since.

If I told you it's been easy, I'd be lying. There were a few times I didn't think we were going to make it. One night on the phone, I told him it made me too sad to be with him but not physically be with him. (We were going 2-3 months without seeing each other at a time). He told me to suck it up and that it'd be worse if we broke up.

Of course he was right.

Now, with 41 days until Commencement (as of today, 4/7), I am in the process of planning a wedding...not something many seniors find themselves doing. I'm calling limousine services and florists. I'm trying to figure out which relatives won't kill each other while seated together at the reception while most my age are searching for jobs or apartments.

Yes, I'm scared. But I'm so very excited. My wedding day will be the most special day of my life. June 27, 2002, I will marry my best friend, Tony Musante. I imagine it every night..."The reception hall will be filled with friends and family. The music begins to play. Your heart is pounding so hard, and your legs are shaking. Your mom knows exactly how you feel because she felt the same on her wedding day. Then he takes your hand and your eyes lock together, and the fears of that day disappear as you become his wife." -Mary Adisano

Think we're crazy if you'd like. But we know that we're right for each other. And nothing will ever change that.

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Life (according to me).

JON SEWELL

Okay, I wasn't really sure what to do for a column this week, so I thought I'd share with you two poems that I've always found inspiration in (well, not *always*, but you know what I mean). Yeah,I know...poetry. Eww, right? Trust me, I usually find most poets to be way too caught up in themselves, drowning a perfectly good message in a sea of metaphorical crap. But trust me, these are good, and I think you'll like them. Hey, have I ever let you down? (wait, on second thought, don't answer that...)

This first one pretty much defines life as I see it, and it's likely my single favorite poem. Enjoy...

If
by Rudyard Kipling

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you
But make allowance for their doubting too,
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:
If you can dream–and not make dreams your master,
If you can think–and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:
If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it all on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breath a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on!"
If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with kings–nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;
If all men count with you, but none too much,
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And–which is more–you'll be a Man, my son!

Okay, this next one is my favorite Robert Frost poem. Yeah, it looks long, and, well, it is, especially in the middle there. But just stick with it. I think the last four lines is some of the best poetry I've ever read. And seeing as how graduation is right around the corner, I think it provides a very important lesson about our future jobs (again, check out that last stanza..wait, it *is* called a stanza, right? How embarrassing...)

Two Tramps in Mud Time
by Robert Frost

Out of the mud two strangers came
And caught me splitting wood in the yard,
And one of them put me off my aim
By hailing cheerily "Hit them hard!"
I knew pretty well why he had dropped behind
And let the other go on a way.
I knew pretty well what he had in mind:
He wanted to take my job for pay.

Good blocks of oak it was I split,
As large around as the chopping block;
And every piece I squarely hit
Fell splinterless as a cloven rock.
The blows that a life of self-control
Spares to strike for the common good,
That day, giving a loose my soul,
I spent on the unimportant wood.

The sun was warm but the wind was chill.
You know how it is with an April day
When the sun is out and the wind is still,
You're one month on in the middle of May.
But if you so much as dare to speak,
A cloud comes over the sunlit arch,
A wind comes off a frozen peak,
And you're two months back in the middle of March.

A bluebird comes tenderly up to alight
And turns to the wind to unruffle a plume,
His song so pitched as not to excite
A single flower as yet to bloom.
It is snowing a flake; and he half knew
Winter was only playing possum.

Except in color he isn't blue,
But he wouldn't advise a thing to blossom.
The water for which we may have to look
In summertime with a witching wand,
In every wheelrut's now a brook,
In every print of a hoof a pond.
Be glad of water, but don't forget
The lurking frost in the earth beneath
That will steal forth after the sun is set
And show on the water its crystal teeth.

The time when most I loved my task
The two must make me love it more
By coming with what they came to ask.
You'd think I never had felt before
The weight of an ax-head poised aloft,
The grip of earth on outspread feet,
The life of muscles rocking soft
And smooth and moist in vernal heat.

Out of the wood two hulking tramps
(From sleeping God knows where last night,
But not long since in the lumber camps).
They thought all chopping was theirs of right.
Men of the woods and lumberjacks,
The judged me by their appropriate tool.
Except as a fellow handled an ax
They had no way of knowing a fool.

Nothing on either side was said.
They knew they had but to stay their stay
And all their logic would fill my head:
As that I had no right to play
With what was another man's work for gain.
My right might be love but theirs was need.
And where the two exist in twain
Theirs was the better right–agreed.

But yield who will to their separation,
My object in living is to unite
My avocation and my vocation
As my two eyes make one in sight.
Only where love and need are one,
And the work is play for mortal stakes,
Is the deed ever really done
For Heaven and the future's sakes.

Pretty cool, eh? Eh? Nudge-nudge. Wink-wink. Eh? No? Alright, well, come back to it later. So, did I mention I wasn't really sure what to do for a column this week? Hello?

Okay, that's enough out of me. I'll see y'all in two weeks.

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What You Will

KRISTIN LOIKO

Everyone should have to be a waiter for a certain length of time in their lives - maybe then some people wouldn't be so darn difficult and rude!

Sorry to he so blunt, but while working on and off as a waitress for the past six years, I've had some of the worst customers ever. My latest bout with rudeness has left me a hit bitter towards the job and has lead to the topic of this column. As a closing waitress, I get paid a whopping $2.63 an hour to play slave to hungry people. It's not so bad when things go well. I love the people I work with and can actually have fun with many customers. But - I am still there to serve. After the doors are locked, I remain behind having to stock, vacuum, do dishes, and make sure the place is ready to go for the next morning. I've given you a glimpse of life as a waitress to set you up for what I offer next - a few guidelines for those of you who have never had to wait tables and who think it's not that bad.

1. Respect your server, and he/she will respect you. I love the customers who are polite and friendly, and am more than willing to go out of my way for them.

2. If your server introduces himself/herself, try to remember his or her name (we almost all wear nametags - they are there for a reason!). DO NOT SNAP YOUR FINGERS TO GET OUR ATTENTION! We are not pets, do not treat us like we are. At least remember what we lonk like. I hate people who come up to me and ask, "were you my server? Could you get her?" How am I supposed to know who waited on you if you don't know?

3. Don't tell us you are ready to order, and then contemplate for an hour before saying, "Yeah, I guess I do need a bit more time." If you need more time, let us know. We have plenty of other customers who could use or attention.

4. We work in sections. This means we get tables in a certain order. If you decide to seat yourself or switch tables without asking first, you mess everything up. Does it really hurt to ask first?

5. If you are in a restaurant past closing time, leave as quickly as possible. At one minute past closing, I'll turn on the vacuum. I've been at work long enough at that point, and am anxious to leave. Most servers don't come and hang out at your job after close, so please show us the same courtesy.

6. Tipping - leave at least 15%, unless service was horrible! In Massachusetts, its more than easy - multiply the tax by 3 for 15%, by 4 for 20%. If your service was good or great, let your server know with extra cash. That $2.63 I mentioned earlier - that's not tax exempt. My bank teller laughs at my puny paychecks. Tips mean everything. How else am I going to afford increased student fees?

Sorry to throw this advice on those who have been and continue to be, great customers. I don't mean to rant, but some people have a hard time understanding that I am a poor college student, not a slave.

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'Smoochy'... darkness for adults

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Death to Smoochy, a new comedy by director/actor Danny Devito, offers a dark look at the world of children's television. Starring Edward Norton as Smoochy and Robin Williams as Rainbow Randolph, it also features Catherine Keener, Danny Devito, Jon Stewart and Harvey Fierstein in supporting roles.

The movie starts out with Rainbow Randolph, the leader in kid's television shows, losing his job. It seems that he was taking payoff's from parents so their kids could be on his show. Randolph ended up in the middle of an FBI investigation.

As the network searches for someone pure and wholesome to take Rainbow Randolph's place, they come across Smoochy the Rhinoceros, aka Sheldon Mopes, playing at a Coney Island methadone nic.

Believe me, there is nothing else like a purple rhinoceros singing about how smack is bad. Smoochy is the exact opposite of Randolph.

He is innocent, happy all the time. He doesn't want to make money off his viewers ' selling Smoochy merchandise and only eats organic foods. His signature saying is "You can't change the world, but you can make a dent".

The movie progresses with Randolph trying to find ways to sabotage Smoochy so he can get his old time slot back. The rest of the movie culminates to an ending you'd have to see to believe.

This movie was great! It was slow at some slow points, but the rest was so laugh-out-loud-funny, you forgive it for the lulls. The characters were well developed and the supporting cast was amazing.

Williams and Norton did an amazing job playing Randolph and Smoochy. The audience got to experience a very evil Randolph with a too good to be true Smoochy and decide who they liked better in the end.

Danny Devito, who also directed Throw Mama From the Train, gives audiences another very dark comedy that somehow works very well.

For a great addition to the movie, visit http://www.deathtosmoochy.com, where you can choose to play games with Smoochy or have Rainbow Randolph show you ways to kill him. Somewhat disturbing, but also lots of fun (in a very sick and twisted kind of way, of course).

Rated R for violence and sexual references, this is not a movie to bring kids to. However, any adult with a dark sense of humor will love it.

One part country, one part punk

BY JON SEWELL
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Members of Wilco, one of the leading bands in alternative country.

It goes by countless names. I've heard it referred to as Retro Country, Hardcore Country, Progressive Country, Indie-Twang, Neo-Traditional Country, Rural Rock, Grange (as opposed to grunge), Twang Core, Y'ALLternative, Americana, No Depression, Cow Punk, Modern Twang, and it's most common name, Alternative Country.

But whatever it's called, it refers to a fun, far under-appreciated genre of music that sounds like the offspring of an unholy rite that mates country music, punk, roots rock and grunge.

The problem is "alternative" folks tend to dry heave at the mention of "country," and country fans cringe at the title of alternative or non-mainstream. Sadly, both groups are missing out on something great.

If you imagine some of Neil Young's "twangier" works, his Harvest album, for instance, you may get a feel of what alt-country's all about. Or, imagine a merging of acoustic John Mellencamp with Green Day.

But that's not quite it either. It's a broad enough genre that any one example won't do it justice. Perhaps Bloodshot Records, one of the few labels truly supportive of the music, and coiners of the term "Insurgent Country," defines it best. They claim alt-country "applies a steel toe boot to the rhinestone-encrusted ass of commercialized country crap." Amen to that.

Generally made outside of the commercial Nashville scene, alt-country rockers seem to draw inspiration as readily from Black Flag as they do from old-school "real" country performers (no, not Garth or Alan...think back a ways, to Hank the first, or Johnny Cash).

The genre can include any artist that approaches country music from rock or punk directions. Or, it can be vice versa, bands rooted in country that add some extra rock rifts, or embrace a punk attitude. Therefore, the music can range from very conservative, heart-wrenching country, the kind that's not heard anymore these days on CMJ (Mearle Haggard, or the new Dylan record, for example), to all-out beer-drenched rock and roll shows from bands like Slobberbone or Ryan Adams current tour.

Seeing as the genre is rather broad, it can be hard knowing where to start. I'm hardly an authority on the subject, having only been listening to it for a couple years, but I put together a short, very incomplete list of artists and songs to look into if you're interested in exploring this kind of music.

Now, I know that going out and buying a bunch of CD's you've never heard of is expecting a bit much. That's where the wondrous Internet comes in especially handy. I'm sure that just about every song I mention here can readily be found at www.audiogalaxy.com. It's way faster than Napster ever was, and far less annoying than Aimster, Bear Share, or any of those other file-sharing...things. Check any of these out:

Wilco: this is one of the leading bands in alt-country today. I loved their album Being There, which included "Somebody Else's Song." However, their brand new single, "Heavy Metal Drummer," promises great things from their upcoming album; Old 97's: download "Jagged," off their poppy-sounding album Fight Songs; Acoustic Junction: try "Strange Days"...it's fun; Willie Nelson: Remember how cool he was? Well, he hasn't lost a step. His new single, "Maria (shut up and kiss me,)" is more "produced" than some of his older stuff, but it's amazing; Casey Chambers: This girl rocks. Seriously. Go download "Crossfire." Like, now. Tarbox Ramblers: an old school sounding band, they do a great rendition of the standard "Shake 'Em On Down". Whiskeytown: before they broke up, Ryan Adams' old band was called the Nirvana of modern twang. Their last album, Pneumonia, had several great songs, especially "Under Your Breath" and "Jacksonville Skyline". My personal favorite, however, is a song called "Factory Girl," from Stranger's Almanac. Finally, there's Ryan Adams himself, my musical hero. Download, well, anything by this guy. But go get Come Pick Me Up, Statuettes With Wounds, La Cienga Just Smiled and Winding Wheel right away. You won't regret it.

That's just a start. I mean, then you need to look into Slobberbone, the Blacks, the Handsome Family, Gram Parsons, Jayhawks, Alejandro Escorvedo...the list goes on. You're sure to find something you like.

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Dylan Baker in "Happiness."

And then there was Todd ...

AMY GELEEHER
VOICE REPORTER

If you've had the pleasure to watch a movie directed by Todd Solondz, then you'll understand how he can bend and morph genres that should never be mixed into each other with the fine finesse of a wizard-cleric (move over Gandalf).

Solondz is the creator, writer, director of such movies as Fear, Anxiety and Depression, Welcome to the Dollhouse, Happiness and most recently Storytelling (a movie you probably won't see until it comes out on video at an obscure rental store). If you watch these movies you'll soon understand why this column hates so doggedly those in Hollywood.

Solondz doesn't judge society, but shows us everything we want to deny about America: pedophiles, sexual repression, sexual expression, the people we don't ever want to become or know. I'm not saying that Hollywood doesn't cover these topics, they just do it through a cloud of crack smoke.

I won't even go into representing unsavory members of society, because frankly, Britney Spears playing the "geeky" character in her movie does not count. Solondz is a master of conveying the ugly in humanity, in the same light as comic book artist, Dan Clowes (creator of comic-turn-movie, Ghostworld), as they both weave twisted tales about weirdos, the very pariahs of society you wish to never encounter in broad day light (unless behind bars), possibly because they resemble reality too freakin' much.

Fear, Anxiety and Depression**** is a tale about a novice playwright named I (played by Todd himself) living in NYC. He falls in love with an attractive suicidal performance artist who can't care enough to hate him. His friends are a motley crew of folks who use and dispose of him in the clean apathetic world they live in. The most striking thing in this movie is that Solondz is frank with himself about how geeky he really is (and not emo geek OK, because that fad died into high school status subculture as soon as Hot Topic started selling bondage pants and black glasses). Now, if you've invested much effort into being a hipster in this age of incisive irony, then you might not dig these movies and that's ok, you can try anyways.

Welcome to the Dollhouse **** is pure cinema genius. In a more well developed, mature voice, Solondz executes this gem that will knock you side the head because it's short, concise, hard to watch during many moments and authentic like S&M- the pain it wreaks is real.

The heroine is a Todd prototype, disliked by her family because they have imparted their emotional love reserves unto their other more beautiful and business savvy children who sell out because they are able to conform like the robots they are. Getting picked on at school is not the worst fate little "Weiner Dog" has, as a fellow student sexually harasses her until he acquiesces his threat because he's bored and because sbe's not worth raping.

Happiness ****** transcends genius. Truthfully, there are probably few people who could sit through this crazy, weird, gross, disturbing movie that rotates around the languid interaction of a pedophile, a scab, a kid who can't come, and infamous housewife blues (and you thought that died in the 50's).

If Britney Spears' flick inspires a shove to the mouth on a sidewalk, reminiscent of American Psycho, then this movie makes me want to embrace the American Dream and become George Lucas Jr. and get Joseph Conrad to live with me on a ranch outside of paradise.

The movie follows three sisters who have very different lives and secrets that must either go untold or unravel their mental health. The reason why this movie is so good is because it forces you to endure and comes to grips with the very ugly in you that you wish to hide under brand name clothes, fancy haircuts and pseudo-intellectual backwash.

There is something to be said about an artist who creates movement through the rough contours of a society that will never accept the likes of untouchables. Solondz sublimates and makes holy the cancer that eats away at the core of Americana and by doing so he is god in every imaginable connotation of that word.

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Fenway Park: A Love/Hate Relationship

By Eddie Capellupo (Class of 2004)

Imagine yourself waiting all winter to go to the first game at Fenway Park for the 2002 season. It's a ritual for you, starting at age eight. And it is what gets you through most of those dreary snowy days. The first game of the Red Sox season is like a "rebirth" and this season was no different for me. Sure I'll go to my share of games this year, somewhere in the vicinity of 10 to 12, but the first one is always special. It's like the first time you make love, the first time the senses are always that much higher.

Well for my first game of this season I felt myself wishing my senses could be dulled. I found myself sitting next to a man who must have weighed more than 400 pounds. And he showed no respect not even trying to share the second seat that he took up. But that wasn't the worst part of it. The worst part was when I started looking for dead skunks because the smell was that had. Turns out the smell was coming from the creature sitting next to me. I call him a creature because that's what he was. He had long hair, weighed 400 pounds, and smelled like Route 109 when it's laced with dead skunks. But the worst thing was, and the one thing that is inexcusable was that he was extremely rude. He was constantly pushing into me to look at the scoreboard, or scratching at his head and elbowing me. Now don't get me wrong, I have nothing against big people; one of my friends from high school was an offensive lineman. He was a big kid but he took care of himself.

Unfortunately, there is nothing I can do about this guy. He has every right to be there just like anyone else. Maybe he could have had brains enough to know he needed two seats, or that he needs a shower but that's beside the point. The truth of the matter is we need a new Fenway Park with larger seats, and better amenities. I mean even I have trouble fitting into the seats, and I'm 5-7, and weigh a 120 pounds.

Scaring me now, though, is thoughts that John Henry - principle owner of the Red Sox - has voiced that he thinks Fenway can be saved. I love Fenway Park, and have gone to more than 150 games in my lifetime. I love Fenway and there is no greater example of that than when I enter the gates of Fenway, the gates of what I call heaven. The first thing that happens is that my heart beats a bit faster and is flooded with memories of being a child. Strangely enough, I even get shivers each time I go to a game. And I'm not ashamed to admit that I will shed a few tears when it comes down. But it needs to come down. John Henry needs to sit in my seat and I'm sure he'll come around.

I'd like to add to keep your chins up, no pun intended. Our Nos. 2 and 3 starters may be on the DL but it's only the beginning of what should be a pretty good season, as long as we keep our fingers crossed. Lots of love to all my fellow Sox fans from Framingham to the docks of the Cape.

Aboubecer Gassama - sophomore member of the Westfield State men's basketball team - receives a certificate from athletics director Ken Magarian during last Wednesday's fifth annual athletics academic reception. A total of 113 student-athletes were recognized as scholar-athletes for completing the fall semester with cumulative GPAs of 3.0 or better. The 3.0 Club represents approximately 37 percent of the Westfield State student-athletes. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

First Annual Nestor Cup

Sponsored By SAAB (Student-Athlete Advisory Board)

Spring Weekend, Sunday, April 21, Campus Green, 1:30 to 4:30

Free refreshments and campus-wide activities open to all! Eight people per team (4 males/4 females) competing for prizes in the following events: ultimate frisbee, dizzy ball, tug-of-war, beach volleyball, dodgeball, relays, and mental challenge. Tickets ($1 per person) and rosters can be picked up in Ely 244.

Westfield State head baseball coach John Griffin, center, meats with his players following one of their spring break games that was played at the Boston Red Sox training facilitias in Fort Myers, Fla. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

Baseball Splits With Mass Maritime

WESTFIELD - George Scharrenweber threw a no-hitter to lead Mass Maritime Academy to a 3-0 victory and a doubleheader split with Westfield State College in Mass. State Conference baseball action on Saturday, April 6.

The Westfield State bats weren't silent in the first game as the Owls belted 14 hits in a 7-1 victory over Mass. Maritime. Both teams own 2-2 conference records. Mass Maritime is 9-6 overall and Westfield is 5-13.

Scharrenweber did not have overpowering stuff but he kept Westfield off balance with an assortment of pitches. The 6-2, 180-pound junior from Salisbury, Mass., (Newburyport High School) walked two, hit a batter, and struck out five.

Scharrenweber recorded 12 outs on flyouts, including eight to the outfield.

Westfield junior Corey Scafidi was the tough-luck loser for the fourth time this season. He allowed five hits and struck out three.

In the opener, Westfield State received an outstanding pitching performence of its own from freshman Tom Cousineau of Worcester (Burncoat). Cousineau tossed a three-hitter, striking out five and walking two. His shutout attempt was foiled in the sixth inning when Mass Maritime scored an unearned run.

Every starter hit safely in the Owls' 14-hit barrage. Freshman third baseman Shaun Geary of Mashpee was 2 for 3 with two doubles and four RBI. Senior Ray McPeck of Brockton was 3 for 3 with a triple and an RBI. Tim Cadman and Bolduc both rapped two singles.

Softball Records Big Victory

WESTFIELD - Western Connecticut State University and Westfield State College split a softball doubleheader on Tuesday, April 9. Western Connecticut took the first game, 8-1, while Westfield won the nightcap, 2-1.

Western Connecticut is now 12-4, while Westfield moved to 13-6-1.

Westfield scrapped for a pair of runs in the second game to salvage the split. The Owls tied the score in the fourth when Amanda Fregeau led off with a walk, was sacrificed to second by Noelle Berard, moved to third on a wild pitch, then scored on Tasha Goulet's groundout.

The Owls collected their only two hits of the game in the fifth inning when they scored an unearned run.

Kate Pomerleau led off with a single up the middle and moved to second on a one-out single by Casey Greggo. Michelle Prall then hit a slow roller in front of the plate that was fielded by Western Connecticut's catcher, who overthrew the ball at third base in attempting to get the forceout, allowing Pomerleau to score.

Westfield State No. 1 pitcher Sarah Kalagher improved to 6-2 and lowered her ERA to 0.50 despite walking five, including three in the fourth inning. Kalagher gave up four hits and no earned runs and struck out one.

In the first game, Western broke open the game by scoring twice in the third inning and five runs in the fourth.

Fregeau pounded a double for one of Westfield's five hits. Goulet rapped an RBI single in the sixth inning.

Owls Sweep Mass Maritime

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State College softball team swept Mass Maritime Academy, 17-0 and 5-3, on Saturday, April 6.

Westfield blasted 15 hits in the opener in recording its fifth straight shutout victory. Freshman shortstop Amanda Fregeau of Athol was 3 for 3 with a double and four RBI. Cait Driscoll and Meghan Perreault both rapped two singles. Noelle Berard and Kate Pomerleau pounded back-to-back triples in the Owls' five-run first inning.

Sarah Simmons and Christina D'Ambrosio combined to toss a five-inning no-hitter for Westfield. Simmons threw the first four innings, striking out six and walking one.

In the second game, junior designated-hitter Tasha Goulet of Worcester (Doherty) led the Owls. Goulet was 2 for 2 with a double and three RBI, and delivered the game-winning hit, a two-run single in the second inning to snap a 2-2 tie.

Westfield only collected five hits, including two singles by Nelly Pelletier.

Junior Erin Stawarz of Westfield (Southwick High School) pitched the first five innings to record the victory. Sarah Kalagher picked up the pitching save.

Track and Field Results

Trinity Invitational - Hartford, Conn., April 6, 2002

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: No team scores were kept.

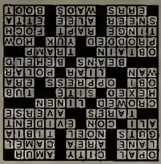
FIRST: Ryan Fregeau, 100, 11.09.
SECOND: Ryan Fregeau, 200, 22.73; Stanley Pe'u, shot put, 46-3 3/4.
THIRD: Chris Hume, 400 hurdles, 57.82; 4 x 100 relay, 44.01.
FOURTH: Chris Allie, triple jump, 41-10 1/4; Pete King, discus, 126-11.
FIFTH: Mat LeMaire, 110 hurdles, 16.32; Tom Gilbert, shot put, 42-8 1/2.
SEVENTH: Greg Aucoin, 100, 11.46; Chris Hume, 110 hurdles, 16.52; Chris Allie, long jump, 18-3; Pete King, shot put, 41-10; Stanley Pe'u, discus, 121-6; Stanley Pa'u, hammer, 133-1.
EIGHTH: Mat LeMaire, 400 hurdles, 1:01.16; Greg Haskell, javelin, 144-1.
NINTH: Tom Gilbert, hammer, 124-11.

Trinity Invitational - Hartford, Conn., April 6, 2002

WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: No team scores were kept.

FIRST: Jen Howard, high jump, 5-2; Abbey Laffond, javelin, 122-6.
SECOND: Abbey Laffond, discus, 112-11; Vicki Hood, javelin, 113-2.
FOURTH: 4 x 400 relay, 4:29.94.
EIGHTH: Abbey Laffond, hammer, 111-5.
NINTH: Jess Silva, long jump, 15-2 1/4.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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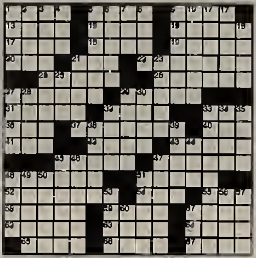

SEND US COMIX!

Personals

"I want to make bukakki with bunnies and paralyzed people."

Hamilton and Lavoie sitting in the tree, k-i-s-s-i-n-g.

2 weeks till the whole school becomes bruins fans - go whale - bunkmores rule!

Subway Kevin is so cute!

Jeff from Russell...sorry I walked away.

Senate Banquet was really great can't wait for next year when I'm 21.

If there are so many people who hate WSC, then stop complaining, get off your ass and do something to change it!!!

Stop looking at me swan.

Jenn who works in the campus center, you're my caf girlfriend - too shy

PHC is looking good to me.

Who was that guy that puked all over himself at the banquet???

The Stanley Park geese, ducks and swans attacked my little brother.

Kevin . is a chihuahua. He bit me in Montreal a couple of years ago!

Holmes set himself up by giving us this pen, Holmes you are a cock block.

"CAAAW!"

Why do you think they call him Leathaaa?

Gebo is a thin girl virgin.

Can someone please get the decapitated bird off the green?

If you left your "Sphere" book outside Ely, then you're missing a good book; stop by Subway some Friday night and get it.

Tical sleeps wit da fishes if he don't pay up!

Leatha Dan is a sexual predator.

"Caaw! Caaw!" - a message to all you scavengers.

Sarah and Erika want to make a Bukakki film with Derek. Don't deny it.

'Cole, those sunglasses make you look like a rockstar - nun.

The night crew at Subway is WAY cooler than the day crew.

Stop stealing my roommate!

Five years huh, Steele? Why not another?

Hi, my name is Kevin and I enjoy long walks on the beach.

The wall is blue.

Who else owes Vinnie money?

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

USEFUL INFORMATION

JUST THE PLAIN FAX

AS SGT. JOE FRIDAY USED TO SAY– "JUST THE PLAIN FAX MA'AM." A PUBLIC FAX MACHINE HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN THE ELY CAMPUS CENTER MAIN LOUNGE. INSTRUCTIONS ARE EASY TO FOLLOW. PRICES ARE OUTLINED FOR EACH USAGE.

WANT SOME CULTURE?

Check out Springfield Symphony Orchestra schedule at the Campus Center Service Window. Student vouchers for $6

NEED A WASH?

Golden Nozzle car wash coupons on sale for $4 at the Campus Center Service Window. Make your car happy and clean!

NEED CASH FAST?

Fleet Bank ATM located in Ely Campus Center Main Level.

DON'T FORGET!

Get your Spring ID stickers at the Campus Center Service Window

GOING SOMEWHERE?

Bus /Train information available at the Campus Center Service Window

ELY CAMPUS CENTER GAMES

Games are located in Ely 131. You must present your student ID in order to take games out. CARDS, CRIBBAGE, DOMINOES, GUESSTURES, LIFE, MANCALA, PICTIONARY, RISK, SCRABBLE, SCATTERGORIES, TABOO, TRI BOND, UNO, YAHTZEE

Activities Line: x5840 / Info Line: x5440 / Class Cancellation Line: x5411

Dining Commons

Mon-Thurs 7:30a-7:00p Fri 7:30a-6p
Weekends 10:30a-1:30p & 4:30p-6p

Health Services

Mon-Thurs 8a-6p Fri 8a-4p Sat 12p-4p
Doctor'r Hrs Mon-Fri 11a-1p
Nurse Practioner: Call for Hours (x5415)

Wellness Center

Mon-Wed 7a-10p Thur 7a-9p Fri 7a-7p
Sat 1p-6p Sunday 4p-9p
x5500 pool info

Library Hours

Mon-Thur 8a-11p;
Fri 8a-5pm
Sat 1pm-6pm;
Sun 1pm-9pm

Bookstore

Call x5657
For Hours of Operation

Subway

Mon-Fri 8a-11p
Sat 12p-11p Sun 1p-11p

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WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events

Day	Time	Event	Location
Mon 4/15	5:30 p.m.	Campus Activities Board	SGA Office
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Last Castle"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "O"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Tue 4/16	5:30 p.m.	Student Government Association	SGA Office
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "A.I"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Heist	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Wed 4/17	1:00 p.m.	Mid Week Musicale	Dever Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Peace, Propoganda and the Promised	Ely TV Studio
	7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Scanlon Banquet Hall
	8:00 p.m.	MTG's "Company"	$$ Dever Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Pulp Fiction"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Riding in Cars with Boys"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Thur 4/18	8:00 p.m.	MTG's "Company"	$$ Dever Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Training Day"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Wash"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	10:00 p.m.	Card and Game Night	Third World Room
Fri 4/19	7:00 p.m.	Spring Weekend Startup	Ely Main Lounge/Third World Room
	8:00 p.m.	MTG's "Company"	$$ Dever Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
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Sat 4/20	12:00 p.m.	SPRING WEEKEND	$$ Ely Hill
	8:00 p.m.	MTG's "Company"	$$ Dever Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live with WSKB	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
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Sun 4/21	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "TBA"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
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Eldredge resigns from his position as President of SGA

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Majority of funding goes to K-12 grades

By Adrienne Lamplough
Managing Editor

The economic status and growth of Massachusetts depends on a strong system of public higher education, WSC President Dr. Frederick Woodward said at the Board of Trustees meeting held two Wednesdays ago, April 17.

Over the past year, progress has become increasingly more difficult, with the majority of the state funding going to grades K-12, according to the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education.

Massachusetts is not keeping up in comparison to other states of the money invested per student. Massachusetts invests $7,360 per student while North Carolina invests $10,264, Connecticut, $8,801; Minnesota, $8,255; New Jersey, $7,604 per student.

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-Photo by Kelly Clarke

Junior Jenny Kislow, an Art Education major, donates blood at the Blood Drive held in Scanlon Banquet Hall on Tuesday, April 23, 2002. Thirty percent of all blood donated in New England is from Westfield State College.

No major incidents at Spring Weekend

Students feel more security was present than in the past

By Alison Close
Voice Reporter

Westfield State College's Spring Weekenders enjoyed a peaceful and healthy event that included no arrests or protective custody (PC) incidents involving WSC students, according to Director of Public Safety, Paul Scannell.

With no PC issues concerning WSC students and only one involving a non-student visiting the campus, Scannell said he was extremely pleased with the way the annual event played out.

"It was very nice to have the weekend go the way that it did," said Scannell. "I praise the students for taking care of themselves like that."

According to Scannell, the one major incident involving a non-WSC student began with police confronting the minor in possession of alcohol. At the point of confrontation, Scannell said the minor assaulted the police officer then ran off campus with another individual, at which point the police chased the minors to recover them.

Scannell said the minor was arrested for possession of alcohol, assaulting a police officer, resisting arrest and possessing a Class D substance. The other minor was found to be transporting alcohol.

"I should point out that it was the police officers that dealt with this particular issue, not campus security," Scannell said.

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Palestinian gives views on Middle East

By Laura Cyr
Editor In Chief

"What Palestinians are fighting for now is a link to the land...to get identity that comes from being rooted in the land," said Palestinian lecturer and human rights worker Ellen Khouri two weeks ago to a room full of students, faculty and the public in the Ely TV Studio.

Khouri was invited to speak to the Westfield State College community from a personal point of view and tell of her experiences growing up in the Middle East. Throughout the hour long lecture, Khouri touched upon a variety of topics, including the current situation involving Israel and Palestine.

Khouri was born around the time of the creation of Israel, a time in which many Palestinians, including her parents, decided to leave the land. She said everyone who left thought they would be leaving for only a few months to neighboring countries, such as Libya and Syria. She added that no one thought they would be leaving permanently, which happened to her family and many others.

"Exile and refugee is not immigration, it's not willful disposition," she said, commenting on the resulting refugee situation that happened to so many Palestinians. "Exile and refugee only brings sorrow...You never feel at home anywhere."

Khouri, who is a Christian Palestinian, said her family was treated differently as a result of being both Christian and not native to their current location. She said they were never treated as second class citizens, but they, along with other Palestinian refugees, could not get good jobs. Since she was a minority, she said she had to work very hard to obtain a good education. She then dedicated

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SGA election results

President: Rhiannon D'Angelo
Vice-President of Student Life: Tracy Oliver
Vice-President of Finance: Chris Murray
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Treasurer: Magaly Santana
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Secretary to the Legislature: Katelin Kennedy
Student Trustee: Corrine Hairston-Parris
All College: Paul Devine, Kristin Swenson, John Moynagh

Class of 2003

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Secretary: Rachael Gross
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President: Ashley Zolenski
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Representative to Senate: Shawn LeHair, Sarah Muollo, Julie Swartwout

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Turn to the comics for the latest crossword puzzle.
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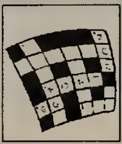

Illustrations added to *Persona*'s usual offering of poetry, short stories

By Jennifer Brooks
Voice Reporter

Just as Persona illustrates the talents of many student poets and writers at Westfield State College, this year—for the first time ever— the literary magazine will also include student illustrations.

In its 28-year history, the annual publication reserved for student poems, short stories and plays has saved artwork strictly for the cover, until now.

The artist behind this new addition to Persona is Elizabeth LaFond, an English and Graphic Design major, who said she volunteered herself for the project.

"I remember seeing last year's cover and it was very plain," LaFond said. "I approached (the editor) and asked if I could design the cover. We began to meet and from there we decided to illustrate the book."

Over spring break, LaFond said she took on the difficult task of trying to illustrate the poems and short stories set for publication. "We have a range of illustrations, mostly 'thumb-nail' drawings, pen and ink. They are very simple," she said.

Staff member and next year's Editor-in-Chief of Persona, Holly Moren, said she expects Lafond's drawings to be a fantastic edition to the college magazine.

"I think that involving art students with the production of our literary magazine makes for a nice collaboration. The students are reading the poems, interpreting them and drawing symbols or pictures that represent the poem," Moren said.

Although reading and discussing all the submitted literature can seem tedious, Moren said that it was also a lot of fun.

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Speaker

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herself to human rights and civil society to help others.

Khouri also commented on the current violence between the Israelis and Palestinians and said she has never gotten used to it. "I abhor violence from any side," she said from personal experience of living in the Middle East.

Khouri said she does not support the Palestinian suicide bombers, but can see where they are coming from. She said that young Palestinians have grown up amongst Israeli occupation, have had their homes destroyed, their schools closed, and have been treated like animals.

The way Palestinians live in settlements amongst Israeli occupation is not something shown in the American media, she said, suggesting that students should look to the foreign media to get news. "You are not given the truth about what's going on in your world from your media, I'm sorry," Khouri said. "There's more out there that you're not getting."

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>
> **Palestinian speaker Ellen Khouri**

Khouri also touched upon September 11 and America's current war. She said the terrorist attacks affected her greatly and made her concerned for the future of the world her children would live in. "That hit me and scared me as much as it scared you in your home," Khouri said, adding that she was in the Middle East at the time.

After the attacks, she said the question she kept hearing was, "Why do they hate us?" Khouri said that she has real problems with this, explaining that many young Arabs adore the U.S., listen to rock music, eat KFC, and follow the NBA. But, now America is doing everything to alienate them, she said. The people shown in the media cheering in the streets are the minority in the Middle East, according to Khouri.

Khouri said the way America is going about the war is libel to cause more harm than good in the end. "It [the terrorist attack] wasn't against democracy. If it was, they would've attacked Sweden."

There were reports before the lecture that some faculty were upset that Khouri was speaking, but there was no one to provide Israel's side to the current situation.

During the question and answer session, Ricki Kantrowitz, a professor in the psychology department, brought up this point, stating that Khouri was not objective and was only giving the Palestinian side. Kantrowitz said that students need to make sure that they learn about the Israeli side as well.

Khouri said that she agreed that students should become informed about both sides to understand the situation. She added that she was asked to come speak subjectively though, and offer words from her own point of view.

Help Westfield State College's Society of Professional Journalists support the Daniel Pearl Foundation

The Daniel Pearl Foundation was formed in memory of journalist Daniel Pearl to promote the ideals that inspired Daniel's life and work. The Foundation works domestically and internationally to create connections among people of different cultures, to combat cultural and religious hatred, to encourage responsible and creative journalism, and to enrich people's lives through music.

Tax Deductible charitable contributions in memory of Daniel Pearl can be sent to:

Daniel Pearl Foundation
c/o Gibson Dunn & Crutcher
2029 Century Park East
Suite 4000
Los Angeles, CA 90067

OR

Members of SPJ will be in the dorm rooms collecting donations during the week of April 29, 2002.

From the Editor's Desk

Time to Go

As I'm writing my last editor's desk, sitting here in the good old Campus Voice office, I am dumfounded that there is less than a month to go until I graduate and Westfield State College becomes just a memory to me. These four years have gone by in a blur, a whirlwind of experiences that have turned me into the person I am right now and have changed me from the person I was four years ago. Sure, I still feel like a kid at times (my parents help with that one by still baking me cookies to take back to Westfield and doing my laundry when I lug it home), but I'll emerge from the experiences of these past four years as an adult, ready to embark on a whole new journey.

Going into college as a freshman, you never really know what to expect. You arrive nervous and full of anticipation of the possibilities that could open up before you. You could meet people that will become your friends for life, professors that will change your way of thinking, discover your life's calling, and fall in love. That's what's great about college. Anything is possible. And anything became possible for me.

The people I've met here at Westfield State have had a profound impact on me and have changed me for the better into the person I am today. My experiences here have given me a wealth of knowledge, maturity, and self confidence to leave this school with and conquer the world. College is so much more than going to classes. It's everything and everyone that's around you, because they all have something to offer and teach you.

I would have to say that out of all my experiences at WSC, my most rewarding has to be this newspaper. Being editor of The Campus Voice has taught me more in one year about every imaginable aspect of life and people than I ever thought it could. Although there were times when being in this position was very hard and I just wanted to walk away and veg in front of the TV on Wednesday nights like most other college students, I knew that the positives that would come with doing this job would far outweigh the negatives. And they have. The pride I feel each Monday looking at the newspaper that my wonderful staff and I put together is always immense. The skills I've learned and the confidence in my abilities that I've gained could never have come from any other experience or class. And the people I've met by doing this job have been some of the best people I know I will ever come across in my life.

I know every editor preaches this, but its true. You have to get involved in something at college. Those activities outside of the classroom and your dorm room are what will really give you some great college memories and the types of experiences that will make you a smarter, more talented, more skilled, and more confident person. I don't understand how people can just come to college, go to most of their classes, and just hang out in their rooms and the dining hall and be happy with that. People really miss out on all that these four years have to offer, and they'll never have another time and place like this where they have the extra hours and opportunities available to try something new.

I must add in one more thing every editor preaches at the end of the year as well. Westfield State is a great college. Every one that is here is here by their own free will. If some of you don't like it, you can always transfer. Not every college is meant for everyone, so if you're not happy here, don't knock it, you're free to try a new place. The experiences and education we get here are the biggest steal in the world when one looks at the price we pay. And I only hope the state legislature will soon wake up and realize how valuable the state colleges are to Massachusetts and give us the funding we so greatly need and deserve.

In closing, I want to thank the entire Westfield State College community for the great four years you have provided me. I've had some memories and experiences I will never forget, and I am so grateful for that. I also have to thank The Campus Voice staff and advisors for this year. Without you, I would have had a nervous breakdown somewhere in October and this newspaper would not exist. The students who work on this newspaper are all volunteers, and I am so grateful that they worked so hard and gave up as much time as they did to accomplish the great feat of creating a newspaper. And I am confident that this newspaper will get even better next year under the leadership of Adrienne Lamplough, who will be taking over the reins as Editor in Chief.

So thank you all once again. I will truly miss Westfield State, and I wish all of you in this little community happiness throughout your lives.

Laura Cyr
Editor-In-Chief

Salute to Seniors

April 30
2-7 p.m.
Ely Main Lounge

Buy your caps and gowns, do financial aid exit interviews, get your resume checked, enter raffles, win prizes, buy Spring Weekend shirts, buy WSC scrubs

Security

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Scannell added that there was no increase in Spring Weekend security from previous years. He continued that WSC police were only used on Saturday, when in previous years they have been on duty Thursday through Saturday.

Some WSC students felt differently. Sophomore Kurt Bernier said, "I felt that campus security was increased this year from last. It seemed like they were everywhere. I'm not saying I had a problem with any of them, but they just seemed to be everywhere I looked, just waiting for someone to mess up."

Junior and Scanlon Hall resident Ron Rich agreed that campus security was very tight. "One of my best friends lives in Dickinson and I actually had to sign her in to my building as my guest. I understand campus safety, but having to sign in another WSC student who lives right on campus is pretty ridiculous."

Junior Ethan Slavin said he wanted to have a friend visit for the weekend but wasn't allowed because he didn't know far enough in advance. "Even if I did know early enough, it would've cost almost $30 to bring him onto campus for one day, and we weren't even going to the concert. I don't think that is really necessary."

There were no assaults reported to Public Safety over the weekend, according to Scannell, who also clarified the Spring Weekend discipline guideline concerning fights on campus. Scannell explained that in certain circumstances people are sent off campus immediately for the safety of all.

"It helps to prevent a second fight from breaking out as a result from the first one," Scannell added.

He also wanted to stress that in those cases, security always escorts or finds safe transportation for those under the influence, many times taking them to nearby hotels. "We would never turn an intoxicated student loose on the streets of Westfield to fend for themselves," Scannell said. "Our main concern is for everyone's safety and we always make sure that precautions are taken when handling such situations," he added.

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> **Sophomore Kurt Bernier on the security at Spring Weekend**

Scannell also explained that protective custodies are not arrests, but rather health issues. He said that friends are often given the responsibility of the intoxicated person's well being for a designated period of time. If no one is willing to take that responsibility, security places the intoxicated student into protective custody for his or her own health.

"We would rather do things the right way and make for a safe weekend then he careless and have someone get hurt," Scannell added.

Scannell reported that there was only one act of serious vandalism on the campus over the weekend, which regarded a sink being broken in Scanlon Hall, causing water to leak out onto a large part of the third floor.

Senior Scan Moriarty and his roommates said they were the predominant victims of this incident. According to Moriarty, the water leaked into his room over the night while he was sleeping, destroying their rug among other things.

"I woke up Sunday morning, stepped out of my bed and felt soggy wetness on my feet," Moriarty said. "I looked down and the whole floor was sopping wet. Pretty soon the room started stinking. It still stinks actually."

Moriarty said his first move was to call maintenance. They tried to get the water out but nothing helped, Moriarty said. He said his only choice was to throw the rug out and hope nothing else got ruined. "I'm just glad it didn't get to the computer cords," Moriarty said. "The whole thing was just awful. I only wish I knew who did this."

Aside from several other judicial referrals regarding alcohol policy violations, the remainder of Spring Weekend went very smoothly, according to Scannell.

"Spring Weekend is a normal part of campus life," Scannell explained. "We as security don't dislike the event in any way. I just feel that it's got to be done safely and I was extremely happy that Saturday turned out that way."

Persona

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"This year we received about 85 submissions and we have roughly a 25 percent acceptance rate," she said.

"We argue over what we think is best. We share different interpretations. It's really fun for students to be able to get together and hash out about things for which they are really passionate," she said.

Currently there are seven student staff members who read and judge submissions not only for possible acceptance, but also for five awards of recognition published in the journal: three for poetry and two for short stories.

Persona will be presented to the college community on April 30 at the Spring Gathering, according to Doctor Glen Brewster, advisor to the literary magazine and English professor. The gathering will be held at 3 p.m. in the Private Dining Room at the back of the Dining Commons.

"We hope to unveil, actually unbox, the new Persona at the April 30 Spring Gathering, if we can get it to the printer on time. Everyone is invited to attend," Brewster said.

Current Editor-in-Chief George Woodward said, he would encourage students to come to the gathering of English majors and professors. In addition to the annual unveiling of Persona, writing awards will be given out and English alumni will speak.

"There weren't that many students there last year, but it would be great to see more this year," WSC President Dr. Frederick Woodward said.

Looking forward to its release, Moren said she believes the literary magazine will be well received with the new artwork.

"It's a new touch and I expect it to be fantastic," Moren said.

Lafond is also enthusiastic and hopes that other students interested in art will want to become involved after this year's issue is published.

"I wanted to do this for fun. It certainly has been a blast," LaFond said. "Hopefully we can bring the Art Department into the issue next year to have many students publish their art work," she said.

Voice of The Week

Rhiannon D'Angelo

POSITION: Next year's SGA President

FAMILY: Mom (Jane), Dad (Paul), Sisters, Amber (17) and Rissa (9)

YEAR: 2003

MAJOR: Political Science, minor Women's Studies

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: The availability and receptiveness of faculty and professors

LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: The fact that it's cheaper to park in Boston for the day than visitor parking in Ely for ten minutes

PERSON I WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

FAVORITE MOVIE: "American Beauty" and "Good Will Hunting"

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Anything athletic, exercising, watching SNL reruns

FAVORITE TV SHOW: Real World, SNL and of course Jeopardy

PLANS AFTER GRADUATION: Definitely grad school

PLANS AS SGA PRESIDENT: To prove to the student body just how effective and productive SGA can be! By being just that, the campus will hear a lot about SGA next year, on a truly positive note.

COMPILED BY JENN PRIOR

Seniors, what will you miss most about WSC?

"HANGING OUT WITH MY FRIENDS IN THEIR APARTMENT."

COLLIN PROCTOR
ENGLISH

"ALL THE PEOPLE THAT I'VE MET THAT I'LL PROBABLY NOT BE ABLE TO SEE.

ANDY HAMILTON
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

"MY ROOMMATES AND ALL THE HOT BITCHES IN APT. 3D3.

CAROLYN MCCARTHY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
KRISTEN JOYCE
ENGLISH

"SEEING MY BEST FRIENDS EVERYDAY."

DONLYN DESTEFANO
SOCIAL WORK

"HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS AND BREAKFAST AT DAVIOS."

EMANDA WOOD
BIOLOGY
GABRIELLE MACGOVERN
EDUCATION

"SLEEPING TIL' NOON CUZ THAT'S WHAT I DO EVERYDAY."

MIKE "GUMBY" RAPOZA
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Voices Overheard compiled by Tom Perron

Trustees

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Over the past 12 years, Massachusetts' funding has continued to rise from 12 percent towards K-12 while public higher education's funding has continued to fall from 4 percent since 1991.

"Massachusetts is falling behind other states when it comes to public funding of higher education;" Board of Higher Education chairman Stephen Tocco said to the Union-News.

Massachusetts' state colleges are growing the fastest but are receiving the least amount of funds, Woodward said at the meeting held in Scanlon Banquet Hall.

Massachusetts is the only state to decrease support of higher education for three consecutive years, Woodward said.

Two-thirds of Massachusetts residents attending college in-state are enrolled at public colleges and The University of Massachusetts. Seventy-five percent of higher education graduates enter Massachusetts' work force after graduation.

A higher education equals higher earnings and a higher standard of living and quality of life, Woodward said. Eighty-five percent of jobs in a knowledge-based economy require a post-secondary education, according to the Board of Higher Education.

During their lifetime, graduates with a Baccalaureate degree earn on average $53,621 per year while those without a degree earn on average $32,003.

Westfield State College's reduction in funding has led the college to re-examine the tuition waiver policies for senior citizens, children of employees and employees attending classes, Dean of Graduate and Continuing Education Catherine Lilly said.

Effective in the fall of 2002, some of charges that used to be considered tuition will now be considered fees while the general cost of enrollment has not changed, Lilly explained.

"In the fall of 2002, students using tuition waivers will be required to pay the $75 per credit instructional fee in addition to the $135 in semester fees," Lilly said.

"Students with 100 percent tuition waivers will begin paying roughly half of what non-waiver students are charged," Lilly said.

Art~Art~Art~Art~Art~Art

Westfield State College
Student Art Exhibit
Ely Library/Campus Center
April 25- May 4
Reception & Awards
April 25
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Gallery Hours
Tuesday-Saturday
1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Art~Art~Art~Art~Art~Art

Westfield State College

Criminal Justice/Human Services/ Non Profit Fair

Wednesday May 1, 2002

1-4 p.m.

Scanlon Banquet Hall

Open to All Majors

Explore Careers, Employment, Internships and Co-op

Communication
Dinner
Friday May 3
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Location TBA

Final performances given by seniors at last coffeehouse

By Liz LaFond and
Jess Norden
Voice Staff

The last coffeehouse of the year entertained WSC students April 24 in the Ely Main Lounge.

The Campus Activities Board sponsored the event, which was hosted by junior, Scott Toomey. The final coffeehouse had about 7 performers, some of which were seniors and performing at WSC for the last time.

All the performances have been pretty good, senior DJ Renzi said. "I get aroused at them. I'm happy with them. I love the Campus Voice and Oregon Underground," Renzi said.

The coffeehouse went over very well, junior Class President Jennifer Prior said. "There was a great crowd to begin, perfect for the last coffeehouse of the semester," Prior said.

"The coffeehouses are good times. They always bring the campus together," said Mike Berman, a junior.

Seniors Jason Renslow and Jon Sewell performed on acoustic guitars together, for Renslow's last coffeehouse, and Sewell's first and last. "Performing was kind of melancholy because it's my last coffeehouse," Renslow said.

"This is my first and last coffeehouse. I decided to go last minute with Jay and the crowd was great considering it was early," Sewell said.

In between performances the crowd sang "Happy Birthday" to Scott Toomey. He turned 21 at midnight.

Senior Andrea Sempos wrote and performed two songs. "I was so nervous! But excited that I did it," she said.

"Andrea was a really great performer. Her songs were great," Kelly Clarke, a junior, said.

Freshman Monty Geei and sophomore Ken McElroy performed with an acoustic guitar and drums. "We got the crowd laughing as usual. We have amusing songs," they said.

The crowd remained large while Adam Marrotte, a junior, performed on the acoustic guitar. "Adam wrote his own song and he played very well. He's the best," said Communication major Gino Gangai.

The Elements Crew aroused the crowd with dance moves to hip-hop rap.

"They performed intriguing displays of flexibility and they have fun with it!," Gangai said.

Martin Lee, Nelson Pires and Jay Plough, all seniors, performed with the Break Dance Club at their last coffeehouse.

"Oh, I'm going to miss Westfield and our Westfield fans. I'm heading to Hawaii and I'm going to break dance there. Maybe I'll bring some new moves back to Westfield," Nelson Pires said.

"I'm proud of what we did. It was a great show and a lot of fun!," Lee said.

"I really enjoyed watching the Elements Crew. I'm going to miss Martin, Nelson and Jay!," said senior Laura Gibson.

After the Elements Crew, many left because two performers did not show.

The crowd came back with a vengeance though when Amanda Dufresne and Adam Bateman arrived. They brought fans and entertained the crowd with a fresh sound.

Both Dufresne and Bateman sang while Bateman played the guitar.

-Photos by Kelly Clarke

Performers at the final Coffee House. Clockwise from top left: Adam Bateman & Amanda Dufresne; Scott Toomey & Mike Boyd; Ken McElroy; Jon Sewell & Jason Renslow.

The first song was by India Arie, "Ready for Love." They also played "Goodbye to you" by Michelle Branch.

"They were great. They should have played at every coffeehouse," said future SGA President Rhiannon D'Angelo.

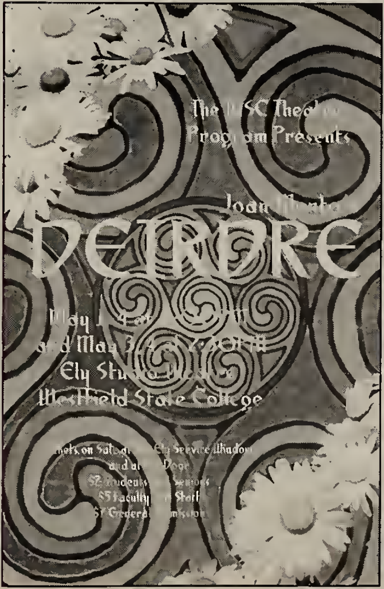
The last to perform was Nate and Company. They brought the coffeehouse to a close with some great tunes.

"Very original upbeat band. Excellent!," said freshman Meghan Raposa.

Also present was the Class of 2003 selling spring weekend T-shirts for $13, and the Class of 2004 selling WSC scrub pants for $20.

Both are on sale at the Ely Service Window.

The final announcements to end the night were by birthday boy Scott Toomey, saying, "Thanks for coming! See you next year. Peace."



English Department's Spring Gathering

Tuesday, April 30, 2002 @ 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Private Dining Room, Dining Commons
English Majors.....Please join us to hear returning alumni:

Melissa Corbet
Middle School English Teacher

Sean Condon
Middle School English Teacher

Announcement of freshmen essay contest winners
and distribution of booklet,
Persona distribution, and prize winners

Technology boosts pilot safety

DON PHILLIPS
THE WASHINGTON POST

SEATTLE-For years, visionaries in aviation have talked of a future with Buck Rogers safety technology-gizmos to allow pilots to see through clouds and fog, to navigate and land by satellite, and to give pilots and air traffic controllers tools to take the next leap forward in safety.

The future, it seems, may be arriving faster than many people realized.

``This is a virtual Nintendo system," said test pilot Mike Carriker as he scanned one of the many new cockpit displays aboard a specially equipped Boeing 737-900 being used to demonstrate to customers, government officials and reporters the gee-whiz technology that is available or will be within the next two years.

Packed into the cockpit, and at consoles that replaced virtually all of the seats in the cabin, were displays that could see through fog, allow pilots to look out the window while still viewing instruments on a slab of optical glass that folds down like a sunscreen, give pilots a moving map to direct them along taxiways and runways in poor weather, and even allow them to ``see" their plane from the side from several miles away to determine if they're headed toward an obstacle such as a mountain.

These new instruments are part of an effort by aviation manufacturers, major suppliers and the Federal Aviation Administration to reduce the commercial aviation crash rate by 80 percent in the next few years.

That is a tough order, given that crashes are rare, so new thinking and new technology will be necessary to give pilots and air traffic controllers all the information they will need to stay ahead of the small glitches and unlikely events that can combine to bring down a plane.

Most of the technology has its roots in military aviation. But, with less military business in the offing, manufacturers are pushing more commercial aviation sales.

On a recent day when several reporters were offered a ride from Boeing Field to the Moses Lake airfield in central Washington, the weather was terrible. A layer of clouds and fog blanketed the Cascade Mountains, and even normally bone-dry Moses Lake was covered by a low-lying overcast. But that made little difference inside the cockpit.

``That's Mount Rainier," said Carriker. ``Probably pretty good skiing today."

Carriker wasn't really looking at the mountain. In fact, he could see nothing outside his windscreen but the inside of a cloud. Nonetheless, he knew that the mountain loomed many miles away and that his plane would crash into it if he did nothing.

The Vertical Situation Display gives the pilot a side view of the plane's flight path with a profile of the terrain outside, predicting not only that the plane could hit a mountain but also when it might overshoot a runway. The display works in tandem with the Enhanced Ground Proximity System, already on most late-medel U.S. airliners, which gives a warning up to two minutes before a possible impact with the ground.

Both systems work from a small card that contains a terrain map of almost the whole world, made available from sources such as the CIA after the end of the Cold War.

Even before the plane took off, one of the new systems was already showing off. Two versions of the Enhanced Vision System were scanning the ground, buildings and vehicles outside with infrared sensors.

The systems, manufactured by CMC Electronics Inc. and Max-Viz Inc., can effectively see in the dark and see through fog by measuring differences in the temperature of objects of as little as 1/100th of a degree. A ``thermal video" is then projected into the cockpit.

Each system is so sensitive that it is possible to tell where lines are painted on taxiways and runways. Vehicles passing outside are clearly seen because of the heat from their engines, and it is even possible to tell whether the engines have been running for a while or had just been started. People working outside are recognizable, although faces tend to take on a ghostly white look because a human head puts out so much heat.

In flight, it is possible to see other aircraft, except in particularly thick clouds or fog. That includes aircraft that might be mistakenly occupying a runway ahead, allowing the pilot to abort a landing even before the stray plane can be seen visually.

An experimental system, one of the few on the aircraft that won't be generally available in the next two years, goes beyond the capabilities of infrared. The Synthetic Vision System, manufactured by Rockwell Collins, produces a computer-generated video of the terrain in front of the airplane. It can also generate a ``pathway in the sky," displaying a virtual tunnel on the screen for the pilot to follow.

The system works from the worldwide terrain database that is already used in the ground proximity warning system, and from aircraft systems that provide precise location and altitude data.

Flower power Thursdays: shopping NYC's district of great blooms

NADIA LERNER
THE STAMFORD ADVOCATE

It's Thursday, 6 a.m. Armed with a gotta-get-things-done mindset and Thermos of herbal tea, Loretta Stagen sets off from her Stamford, Conn., studio for her weekly jaunt to New York City. An hour later, the floral designer turns her van into 28th Street's flower district _ prepared to negotiate, agonize, jump hurdles and toss in a smidgen of blind faith for the sake of bridal bouquets, boutonnieres, centerpieces and floral decorations pegged for her work ahead.

Thursday is the big shopping day in New York City's wholesale floral market. Flowers from all over the world are shipped Wednesday, arriving at Kennedy Airport in the wee hours of Thursday morning. From there, they are trucked to 28th Street, ready to be scooped up by area florists and floral designers.

``My flowers come right from the airport. I don't want Monday's or Tuesday's flowers, I want Thursday's flowers," Stagen says. ``They'll last at least a week or 10 days."

Once back in her studio, the flowers will be placed in water for a long ``drink" before she and her team of designers begin work on them the next day.

Stagen has made the weekly trip to Manhattan for the last 7 years, as long as she's run her design studio. It's a dream come true for the once part-time, work-at-home designer, who after raising two children and caretaking elderly parents, achieved this longtime odyssey that began when her horticulturist mother taught her to make orchid corsages by age 7.

And while she says she wouldn't trade her job for any other, the business is challenging. Her ``busy time" begins April 20 and continues until December. Annually, she logs in about 50 weddings, bar mitzvahs and other large parties, not to mention smaller jobs such as dinner parties, silk flower arrangements, designing perennial gardens, stocking residential greenhouses and teaching floral design workshops at her studio.

Most important on her list is buying flowers and supplies from top-quality dealers. Stagen purchases flowers and plants from frequent guardian angel Jeff Serafini, who manages the wholesale floral vendor Fischer & Page.

``Jeff is a very integral part of my life," she says. ``I do a lot of custom ordering, and he points me in the right direction."

If he doesn't have the flowers she wants, he'll ``shop the street" at other wholesale shops to meet her needs.

Each Monday by noon, Stagen faxes Serafini her order for the week. It gives him enough time to purchase from growers worldwide the flowers she'll be taking back to her studio on Thursday.

On this morning, Stagen is picking up flowers for a Saturday bar mitzvah lunch and reception dinner. Before confabbing with Jeff, she stops into his store's potted plant department to check on her order of baby hyacinths, daffodils, mascari and snowdrops she'll be arranging in terra cotta pots for the luncheon centerpieces.

Her order is complete except for the pink and blue hyacinths, which, she's told, should be in around 8:30 a.m.

``Will these flowers still be good on Saturday?" she asks the clerk. Although he assures her they will be, ``My stomach inside is churning," she confides.

``These bulbs are so hard, they'll only be in bloom for one or two days. Will they be as open as I want them to be? I guess they will." And if they're not, Stagen says she has backups just in case.

To save the day, the floral designer admits she often resorts to ``panic buying. When I come here, it's all organized and mathematically ordered. Then, I get a knot in the pit of my stomach." Buying additional flowers may cost her. But, it allows her to sleep at night.

Now on to the store's flower department to check her cut-flower order with Serafini. For Saturday night's reception, Stagen has ordered tulips, daffodils, ranunculus and Gerber daisies, as well as flowers for a few smaller jobs.

``My (bar mitzvah) client wanted multicolors, vibrant pinks and yellows and mostly bulbs," she says.

It's 7:15 and the store is buzzing with trade buyers inspecting shelves of roses, ranunculus, tulips, anemones and other florals in pastels, bold reds, oranges, yellows, shocking pinks and rich burgundies.

``How's my flower order?" asks Stagen, greeting Serafini.

``Good with some buts," the salesman responds. ``There's no Tweedia at this time of year and the big French hybrid delphinium is going to be expensive."

Also, while Stagen ordered miniature-yellow and large-orange Gerber daisies, the flowers arrive in reverse color and size. She OKs the purchase, despite the mix-up.

``Anything you can think of has happened to me," she says. ``Once they forgot to give me a box of flowers or they gave me somebody else's box."

Stagen usually works out the kinks with the help of local Connecticut designers. If their schedules bring them into the city, they will pick up her order and arrange delivery with her, and she'll do the same for them. If that doesn't work, Serafini has performed eleventh-hour missions, delivering flowers to Stagen's studio en route to his Northern Westchester, N.Y., home.

This morning, Serafini has been on the job since 6, trailing employees who've been setting up boxes and bunches of flowers since 2. Ordering directly from suppliers and growers in each country, Serafini taps the world for its best: Australia supplies heaths, heathers, peonies and banksias.

-File Photo

Hawaii and Thailand are known for their lush orchids. France provides tulips, lavender and ranunculus.

Serafini says the roses usually come from Ecuador and Holland.

His company supplies flowers that ultimately make their way to many of New York City's swankier hotels, restaurants and social scenes as well as those in other cities. It's his job to keep customers happy. Sometimes, that's close to impossible. ``One of my customers did a (Liza Minnelli's) wedding recently," he says.

``They kept adding on flowers every 20 minutes. The stuff is all packed up and I get a calling asking, `Is there any way you can get another 1,000 roses and another 1,000 Calla lilies?' They ordered 8,000 orchids.

They should have saved the expense and had their wedding in Thailand."

Stagen's clients are much more conservative, and so is she. ``I am not geared to do a $100,000 flower job. I'm not set up for that, so don't call me," she says.

Although Stagen says many designers won't take a job for less than $5,000, her fees start at $1,500 and run upward of $15,000.

Before returning to her studio this morning, Stagen shops 28th Street for terra cotta pots, glass containers, silk flowers and other supplies. This includes a stop at a rental store to check out a Victorian-style arch she is renting for a rose garden wedding at the bride's home. ``I'm covering it with green Ruscus studded with roses," she says.

Once the wedding is over, Stagen has to return the arch to the Manhattan shop. Sometimes, hoopahs (Jewish wedding canopy-like arch) and other large gazebo-type structures require dismantling before they are trucked each way. ``You have to have a ladder to disassemble it and two or three people helping you," says Stagen. ``I'm a mechanic, too. Anybody who owns a small business has to be."

Russian woman married to Afghan finds herself stateless

ROBYN DIXON
LOS ANGLES TIMES

-File Photo

KABUL, Afghanistan-In the dank stairwell of Block 2, Apartment 33 in the suburban Kabul neighborhood of Blakhay Qasaba Kargari, you are transported a world away: This soulless concrete box could be in Moscow, or any other Russian city.

Eight flights up, a Russian woman named Galina Margoyeva, 35, yearns for just such a place. Anywhere in Russia.

She came more than 14 years ago from the Soviet Union, when its war to occupy Afghanistan was coming to its failed conclusion. She was trapped here, survived war and outlasted the Taliban, only to be told that Russia would not claim her, and that she was a citizen of nowhere.

Her children are treated as enemies. And her family's spartan two-room apartment has been like a prison where she hid Russian fairy tales and classics such as ``Anna Karenina" under the stove during the Taliban era.

Her ability to speak Russian is beginning to trickle away, with Dari seeping into her dreams, drowning out her mother tongue.

All this is the price of her love for an Afghan man.

An ethnic Russian born in Tajikistan, a Soviet republic bordering Afghanistan that is now an independent country, she married Haji Hussein in the mid-1980s, and the couple planned a life in the Soviet Union. But he had to return to Afghanistan after completing his studies, and when he could not go back to the Soviet Union, she joined him in Kabul, the Afghan capital, in 1987. Tears flooded her eyes when the pilot announced that the plane had left Soviet airspace. The same day, Islamic guerrillas unleashed a fierce rocket attack on Kabul.

Still stranded in an alien land years later, Margoyeva is afraid to go far from her apartment. She knows a handful of people, has few friends and is spooked by rumors of violence against women who go out without burkas, the garment women wear to cover their faces and bodies.

Her life reflects the fears, antipathies and suspicions common in Afghanistan, a country she has never liked enough to call home.

Her world is the apartment block, and after years of being cooped up, she resents and even despises some of her neighbors. Some of them, she says, leave piles of rubbish at her door and taunt her four children as ``shuravi" as the Soviets, who occupied the country for a decade, were called.

Her two sons, Farid, 15, and Khomed, 8, look Russian like their mother, but her husband gave them Afghan names. Daughters Lina, 12, and Marina, 11, look more Afghan but have Russian names.

Margoyeva met her husband, who is now 41, in Tajikistan, where he was training as a building engineer. Forced to return to Afghanistan when his studies ended, he was drafted by the pro-Soviet government into the military and his term was extended for several years.

He fought the anti-Soviet moujahedeen. He despises them and the Taliban equally.

The family's efforts to return to the Soviet Union were frustrated first by lack of money, then by the closure of the embassy after the Soviet army withdrew in 1989, and by the expiration of Margoyeva's Soviet passport.

``The most difficult day was the day when we saw the last Soviet plane leave, and with that our last hope died," said Margoyeva, who lives close to Kabul's main airport a prime target in the civil war that raged after the retreat of the Russians.

``The moujahedeen were like terrorists. They used to come here at night and kill people. Everyone was afraid of them," Margoyeva said, describing how a neighbor was dragged away in the early 1990s. Her family was afraid someone would denounce her as a Russian and an enemy.

``If I'd know what it was going to be like, I would never have come. Who wants to live in a slaughterhouse? Every day you worry, every day bad news. No freedom.

``I've been in prison for 14 years. It goes on and on, even today."

Unthinkable in most Afghan homes, Margoyeva meets male guests with her face uncovered. Like most Afghan women, she rarely ventured outside while the Taliban was in power. She put off going out in a burka, which is called a ``chaderi" in the Dari language, until a family wedding, when there was no choice. She got one from a neighbor.

``The chaderi is a real horror. It's heavy. It pulls your head back, and you have this net in front of your eyes so you get a lot of headaches. In the summer it was unbearable," she said.

``The first time I put it on, I found the whole thing degrading. It was like putting a sack on your head. It's as if a woman is not even a person."

In late March, the family bought a television, set up a satellite dish and was able to pick up Russian television for the first time.

``Bravo!" shouted Margoyeva, who had not seen Russian programs for 10 years.

Her husband recently set up a building firm and won a contract with a Western agency in Afghanistan. But when the Russian Embassy opened at the end of December, she hurried there in hopes of getting a passport that would allow them to leave. However, she was told that she had lost her citizenship, and that she was stateless.

In a typically Russian bureaucratic twist, she was told to become an Afghan citizen before she could apply to be a Russian.

``I was amazed. I said, 'I don't want to be an Afghan citizen. I have been living with this horror for 14 years waiting for the Russian Embassy to reopen so that I can leave this place. Now that you're here, you're telling me I should become an Afghan?' "

She insisted on applying for Russian citizenship, and was allowed to fill out a passport application, which has been sent to Moscow for a decision.

As an ethnic Russian born in Tajikistan, her case is in some ways similar to those of millions of Russians left in other republics outside of Russia when the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991. Many of them like Margoyeva from Central Asian republics, moved to Russia.

Russian Embassy officials in Kabul say her problem was her family's desire to move to Russia. They said they had no problem issuing a passport to another Russian woman married to an Afghan who planned to stay in Kabul.

10-year-olds among barricaded Palestinians

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BETHLEHEM, West Bank -The Palestinians barricaded inside the Church of the Nativity include two 10-year-old boys and dozens of other youths who are being isolated in the cave where Jesus is believed to have been born, Israeli military officials said Sunday.

The food supply inside the church has dwindled to the point where the boys are limited to a cookie a day, said Lt. Col. Olivier Rafowicz, an Israeli officer involved in negotiations to end the two-week-old standoff with the Palestinians.

He said the 50 or so youths were crammed into the Grotto of the Nativity, under the church's basilica, while Palestinian gunmen roam about the rest of the complex and fend off Israeli soldiers outside.

``They have not seen daylight for more than two weeks now," said Rafowicz. ``It's very worrisome. We want to make sure that we are able to save them."

Israeli military officials said they learned of the presence of the children after interrogating a Palestinian who was wounded at the church Wednesday in a shootout with Israeli soldiers. The injured man, Thaer Manasra, 20, was taken to an Israeli hospital in Jerusalem.

Palestinian officials and religious leaders have said that many teen-agers were inside the church, but Sunday's disclosure by the Israelis was the first indication that children as young as 10 were there. Palestinian officials and priests inside the church deny the youths are being held against their will.

The description was also denied by a 16-year-old Palestinian who escaped from the church last week. The teen-ager was captured immediately by Israeli soldiers but released the next day.

In an interview in his family's home in a refugee camp south of Bethlehem, Jihad Abdul Rahman, said he spent 13 days and nights inside the fortress-like church compound, originally built in the 4th century. He said he was not mistreated by the gunmen inside, but was left to fend for himself.

Jihad said he and about 40 other young men tried to flee the church and evade the Israeli dragnet four days into the siege, but dashed back inside after they were spotted by a blimp overhead.

After that, he said he spent most of his time roaming the church complex and occasionally ducking into one of the adjoining courtyards for a breath of fresh air a dangerous pursuit that exposed him to Israeli snipers.

Finally, he said, he grew tired of the meager rations and cramped quarters and decided to make another break for it. He slipped through a gate and was grabbed by a soldier before he could get very far.

``The reason I left is because I was hungry and bored," he said. ``It was really boring, like being in a prison."

The siege began April 2, when more than 200 Palestinians sought refuge in one of Christianity's holiest sites to escape Israeli troops who had advanced into the center of Bethlehem. Also in the church are about three dozen clerics and nuns from the three religious orders that share custody of the ancient site.

Many of the Palestinians are armed, although neither side will say how many. Israeli officials have said at least 40 of the Palestinians are wanted on charges of committing terrorist acts.

Over the past two days, Israeli soldiers have dropped leaflets into the church compound urging the Palestinians to give up. ``Think well and decide about your life," the messages said in Arabic, according to Bethlehem officials. ``About 20 days after you've stormed the church, we know that you are without food, and you must surrender."

The leaflets also promise that those not wanted for a specific crime will be allowed to go free, ``but the murderers who are involved in killing civilians will be judged by the law."

Late Sunday, five Palestinians fled the church and surrendered to soldiers, Israel Radio reported, in the biggest defection so far. The remaining Palestinians have vowed to hold out until they starve or die fighting.

Salah Tameri, a Palestinian legislator from Bethlehem, said the men and youths inside the church fear they would be harmed if they laid down their arms. ``The Israelis don't understand the mentality of the people inside the church," Tameri said. ``Some would rather commit suicide than surrender. They've all developed solidarity among themselves and any of them would find it shameful to leave it would be like abandoning the rest."

The Franciscan friars who account for about three-quarters of the clergy inside the church said they had run out of food. Other clerics, including Greek Orthodox and Armenian priests, have said they have enough rice, pasta and beans to last through the end of the month.

The siege drew fresh criticism from Pope John Paul II. In his Sunday address at the Vatican, the pontiff said the Church of the Nativity had been turned into ``a theater of clashes, blackmail and insupportable accusations."

John Paul has telephoned Franciscan priests inside the church compound several times to boost their morale and offer his support.

Rain doesn't 'dampen'

BY JESSICA NORDEN
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The main events of Spring Weekend took place last Saturday with performances from four bands, Three Apples High, Mr. Lif, Run-DMC, and Splitshift.

Arranged by the Campus Activities Board (CAB), the day was filled with excitement and some lovely unexpected weather from Mother Nature herself.

Throughout the day, students were able to go on rides like the mechanical bull (which many students enjoyed), the moonwalk, and an inflatable obstacle course. A beer tent was available to those students 21 and over with ID.

The first performance of the afternoon was the Battle of the Talents winner, Three Apples High, who performed to a rather surprisingly small crowd.

Mr. Lif was the second performance of the afternoon. Using his vocal techniques, he got the crowd excited and more people joined the crowd.

Students who bought tickets said they were pleased with the day's events so far.

Junior Steve Allison said, "Mr. Lif was cool. More people should have bought tickets. The beer tent was cool."

Many of the students that watched the day's events did not purchase tickets.

Sophomore Jay Cunha said, "I didn't want to support Run-DMC plus I didn't have the money to spend on a ticket."

Sophomore Jess Guerin said, "You can see and hear perfectly from the hill. You don't have to be right up front to enjoy it."

Freshman Bob McDonald, a member of CAB gave his opinion of the events. "The stage setup was fun, even though I didn't get any sleep. I'm having a great time. My only wish is that this campus unity could be every weekend...without the stupidity."

Freshman Emily Krasco said, "It's been a lot of fun. I think it was worth spending $10."

Spring Weekend events

Due to scheduling conflicts, Run-DMC performed earlier than their designated time, yet that didn't stop students from enjoying their performance.

It didn't stop the rain either. Mother Nature let go with a steady amount of rain through Run-DMC's performance.

The audience was more energetic as rain came down and Run-DMC gave an upbeat show singing favorites such as "Tricky" and Aerosmith's "Walk This Way."

At the end of their performance, they gave away DMC's shirt autographed by all three of the members to one very energetic and enthusiastic fan.

Another fan, perhaps out of jealousy, approached the student who won the shirt and ran off with it until the members of Run-DMC saw him and told him to give back the shirt, which he did.

The student who won the shirt, junior Nate Pelletier, gave his feelings on Run-DMC's performance. "They were rockin' live."

CAB members Scott Toomey and Mike Berman, both juniors, said they enjoyed this year's Spring Weekend festivities.

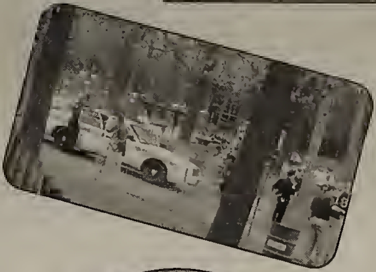
Toomey said, "I think today has gone fine. All the bands have been awesome."

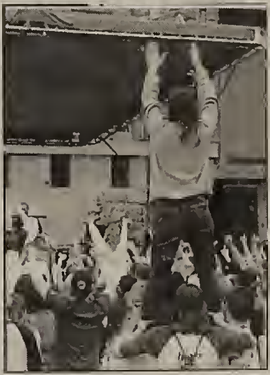
Berman said, "Good times. Even the rain couldn't keep people away. Worth every dollar."

The last performance of the afternoon was Splitshift. Splitshift, formerly known as Children of the Korn, a tribute band, performed their own songs as well as a few Korn cover songs.

"Even though there were a few glitches in weather and scheduling, overall I think everyone had a great time, myself included. Mr. Lif rocked and Run-DMC rocked too," said Angela LaPierre, VP of Programming of the day's events.

LaPierre also said, "This was definitely a learning experience. I greatly appreciate everyone who helped out throughout the day. It was a lot of hard work for everyone who worked here."





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Life (according to me).

Wow, my second to last column ever. Weird. As I sat around this week, thinking of what I wanted to address, what sort of little message I wanted to leave with, I realized that I still had a whole lot to say. A lot more than what I can fit into this tiny space. All semester I've felt strapped for ideas, and now here I am, feeling as though I could write a book.

JON SEWELL

Instead, I thought I'd leave you with a little list of things that I had planned on getting to at one point or another. Most of these are very incomplete ideas or questions, but I think a few of them may get you thinking. Or maybe they won't. Either way, they're insights into life...according to me, of course. Ready? OK, here goes:

Despite our many problems, the United States is still the greatest country on the planet, period...

Baseball is our national past time, and there's a damn good reason for that. Besides seeing it live, of course, listening to the game on the radio is the way to go. Somehow, TV has managed to screw things up along the way...

I really can't wait till I own land...

Death has the rather dubious distinction of being one of the very few things that are absolutely certain in life, as well as being the single thing we know the least about. No wonder so many people are scared of it...

Monkeys are not only really funny animals, but a dang funny word, too.

As a Christian, I often hear "if God is so benevolent, then why do bad things happen to good people?" Well, here's my two cents. I don't think Christianity has ever promised a person a pain-free life. It's not about escaping the evils of the world. It's about knowing there's something to keep striving on for, something that will make it worth it in the end. What makes "God" different from other gods is that he knows what suffering is. He's not aloof. He came down in human form, and died a death none of us are likely to experience. He knows pain, rejection, and suffering (this is, of course, assuming you buy into the whole Christian mythos in the first place)...

Speaking of Christianity, I'm getting real tired of a lot of, well, other Christians. I'm sick of people using the Bible as a weapon against gays and other groups. See, you need to understand two things: 1) the Bible was written by very fallible, mortal men, and is vague enough that any outlandish stand can claim to be validated by it; and 2) if you do value the word of the Bible, then you ought to know that Christ hung out with all kinds of outcasts, groups of people that society and the religious leaders of the time branded as immoral and untouchable. Rather ironic you call yourselves "Christians," isn't it?

"The Family Guy" is a great show. The fact that it's going off the air is a travesty...

Another travesty is the fact that fewer and fewer teachers seem to be assigning the book "Hatchet to fourth and fifth graders these days. You guys read it, right? It was great. That, and a Wrinkle In Time. Kids I talk to these days have never heard of either...

Speaking of which, I recently heard that only 20% of adolescents read beyond what's required of them in school. How sad...

Unless the relationship is harmful in some way, speaking ill of another's loved one is against the rules. Assuming the relationship is healthy and happy, either let them know how glad you are for them, or keep your mouth shut...

Maybe I'm just a geek, but a museum on a rainy Saturday afternoon has to be one of the greatest dates ever...

You know what's really classy? Knowing how to do a lot of stuff. That's why we should never stop learning. Every little bit of knowledge you accumulate makes you an evermore dynamic person. So learn how to cook. Learn how to change your own oil. Pick an art form and dive right in. Start boxing, learn to crochet, and try building a split-rail fence. Memorize a few interesting facts about, I dunno, five Roman Emperors, and three barbarian kings. Whatever. Just keep learning...

Of course, this requires you to put pride aside, and admit when you are wrong, or don't know how to do something. Only then can you really start to learn.

One of the keys to personal contentment, I think, is setting a certain code of behavior for yourself, and then accepting the fact that it won't always hold up. It seems like the first part would be harder, but you'd be surprised...

Every time I watch the movie Unbreakable, I like it a little more. The same goes for Heat. If you haven't seen them, do yourself a favor and do so soon.

At some point, you need to look deep inside your soul, and ask yourself the hard questions. Like: who would win a fight, a 22 foot tall man, or a guy with chainsaws for arms?

And it's OK, sometimes, to have absolutely no idea what you're talking about (see above paragraph)...

OK, I could go on for hours, but don't fret, I'll spare you. Check back next week, for, gasp!, my last column ever.

Have a great week, and I'll see ya.

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A Mile In My Shoes

Everything about Spring Weekend ran smoothly, except the security Saturday night on campus. It was too strict.

MEG CANNING

I realize security is an important part of a safe and fun weekend on campus. But I became concerned after police and Residential Life busted almost every apartment Saturday night. We (my roommates and I) had a few people over with the music on, when an ISO knocked on our door and asked us to turn the music down. Come on, give me a break.

Enforce safety on campus but don't be so strict that it drives students to drink off campus. Many students had already been drinking Saturday when increased security took affect.

The goal and purpose of all types of security should be to keep students safe. Saturday night students were driving under the influence of alcohol off campus to escape this strict security.

Below is an excerpt from a column I wrote in the May 8, 2000 edition of The Campus Voice. It was sophomore year that my friend, Curtis, died in an alcohol-related car accident. I think it's very important that not only students remember how deadly drinking and driving can be, but also the public safety that pushes us off campus.

From May 8, 2000 edition of The Campus Voice:

I told myself not to blink. I knew if I did, I wouldn't be able to control myself from crying. It'd be one of those cries when your shoulders shake up and down and you can't catch your breath. Sarah, one of my closest friends, saw how upset I was. She blew into my eyes, letting the tears flow over my eyelids.

I read the sign again. "Curtis Wes Babbitt." Yes, it was you, Curtis: a freshman at Northeastern University, an old friend from home, my first kiss. You were lying in front of me, surrounded by fresh flowers and Hallmark cards.

Thoughts and emotions flooded my heart. Memories flashed in front of me: like riding bikes to Dighton Middle School when it was so early it was still dark, teaching you to play the piano and playing manhunt for hours in the Lincoln Ave. and Wheeler St. woods.

Do you remember the time you crashed the go-cart? Or how about when you climbed up two steps to be taller than me in my graduation dance pictures? You had on cute suspenders and your braces reflected into the camera.

Life is too short.

My message for students is to be responsible. Have a designated driver, get a cab or take the PVTA! My message for the people that work at Westfield State is to chill out. You don't have to turn your head at drinking on campus. But if you watch out for the students instead of writing them up, you may just save a life.

The other issue on my mind (and I have to write about it because there's only one more issue of The Campus Voice) is the negative body image of the students at Westfield State. This isn't only a huge problem with the females but it's also a problem with the male students. Only today I'm going to write about the female students because I have more contact with them on the issue of body image.

Some girls have a real problem with their bodies while others complain for the attention. For those with genuine problems, go to the Counseling Center and make an appointment with the nutritionist. I can't help you.

As for the others, we (and I say "we" because I sometimes fall into this category) need to accept ourselves for who we are. Most of us are not made to have super model bodies. Some of us have small breasts. Some of us have wide hips. But you know what, every single one of us is beautiful in one way or another.

We can't look at the women on TV and in the Sports Illustrated's swimsuit edition and compare ourselves. I've tried the Dr. Atkin's Diet, all fruit until dinner diet, the mostly nuts and veggies diet. They work for a little while. You can drop a fast 5 pounds but you'll gain it back. And some of those diets are very unhealthy. My point is, "Why worry about that extra slice of cheese or count calories when it will just drive you crazy?"

One my best friends from home was hospitalized with anorexia our freshmen year of college. After she came to terms with her illness, she wrote her basketball team a letter to explain why she couldn't return to the team yet. Her letter inspired me. It said things like, "Next time you're ordering a sandwich, get the god damn steak and cheese you want instead of the grilled chicken breast without mayo." She told her team to eat what they wanted and not to fall into the vicious cycle of calorie counting and constant obsessing.

My message for you is to stop the obsession. Skip the gym and eat three slices of pizza. It won't kill you. You're beautiful in one way or another. And you have to realize that first in order to love yourself and others.

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Kevin's Korner

Octavio Paz's 1968 essay "The Other Mexico" speaks volumes about the impact of military aggression. I recently read this for a class and found a lot of parallels between his time period and our own. "Mexico" was writing shortly after Mexican soldiers had killed student demonstrators at the Olympics in Mexico City.

KEVIN HEATON

He writes that "Aggression is synonymous with regression," and this can be applied to the "War on Terrorism." This war is costing many innocent lives and could soon be expanded to Iraq and other countries. Meanwhile, civil rights are being denied to people here at home. The continuous presence of US forces in the Middle East has led to greater resentment of the "West" in that region and alienation between the two cultures. The war is causing even more friction.

There is an ancient Buddhist principle that suffering causes more suffering. The suffering of the Palestinians in the West Bank causes some extremists to kill Israeli civilians. Neither side is justified. Both sides fighting each other causes a perpetual violence that won't stop until both sides agree to put down their weapons and negotiate.

There is also a lot of cultural aggression on the part of the US. The US media portrays Arabs as terrorists and demonizes them. This mindset caused many to blame the Oklahoma City bombing on Arab terrorists. This was proven wrong.

Rich countries, like the US, often take advantage of poorer countries, causing them economic and social hardship. Many people in poorer countries are forced to work in slave-labor conditions for "Western" companies, because there is no alternative.

In regards to the relationship between the US and Latin America, which the US clearly has dominance over, Paz writes, "neither of us ever hears what the other is saying-or, if we do hear, we always think the other was saying something else." The two can never reach an understanding. The US thinks Latin-American countries are exploitable and overthrows governments it perceives as a "threat." Latin Americans, rightly so, view the US as a bully. Neither side hears the other, or cares what the other says.

Everyday life can be interpreted this way, as well. Violence often makes situations worse than when they started. This is especially true in abusive relationships and families. This is definitely something I would suggest reading about.

I was disappointed by the small number of names on the SGA election ballots. Most positions only had one person running, some had none at all. What kind of election is that? It's too bad more students aren't willing to run for office here. This campus could change if enough students were willing to make a difference.

I have often found the lack of student involvement here disappointing. It is no wonder little gets done.

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Graduation Rehearsal

May 17

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Campus Green

Seniors-Be There!!!

Mr. Nice Guy

"Watch where you spit; I advise you wait till it's over; Then you got hit; And you shoulda known better; And we die young, faster we run." -Alice in Chains. RIP Layne Staley.

SCOTT TOOMEY

"Hey, I'm a reasonable guy. But I've just experienced some very unreasonable things." - Kurt Russell as Jack Burton from the movie 'Big Trouble In Little China.'

Excellent quote to start off with today if I don't say so myself. Pretty much sums up my Spring Weekend actually. That's why I used it.

I think I just need to sleep. Have you ever wondered about how much easier life would be if you just slept all the time? Yes, some may consider that being dead. But in all honesty there is a big difference between being asleep and being dead. When you're dead, all brain functions cease to be. But when you're asleep, the brain is still working and you can have some pretty rad dreams. The dream world totally rules. I was having a dream the other day about these Catholic schoolgirls. Man, that dream was awesome. I woke up before the good part happened though. So that sucked. Anyway, what am I talking about?

Does anyone know what exactly 'Spam' is made of? Most likely just a byproduct of processed beef, chicken and pork huh? Just like a 'Slim Jim.' OHHHH YEEEAH! ! SNAP INTO IT! Slim Jim's taste good though. To me however, they no longer do. In my day, I used to eat Slim Jim's all the time. Before Little League games, before youth soccer games, and after High School basketball games. They really used to taste good to me. But not anymore and I don't know why. Stuff like that happens to a lot of people though I think. I once ate an entire bag of cheddar and onion chips when I was younger. I used to love those things. But the day that I ate the whole bag in like less than 10 minutes, they made me yak and I haven't been able to eat a single cheddar and onion chip since then. Same thing with citrus flavored Gatorade. Drank one a bit too fast one day and then all of sudden, yak. I don't drink that flavor anymore. I'm definitely sticking with lemon lime from here on out.

I find it so much easier to write with those clear plastic Bic pens than I do with any other pen. And Bic mechanical pencils definitely rule too. I am also a big fan of Huey Lewis and The News. He scored big time when he wrote that sweet theme song for Back To the Future, 'The Power of Love. Now there's an awesome tune. Doesn't get much better than that.

It also doesn't get much better than being able to have a column in the school paper in which you get to write about as much useless crap as you want to. Most of the time I really have important things to say. But it's definitely getting towards the end of the school year, so I'm starting to get a bad case of writer's block. When that happens, I find it better to just ramble about stupid stuff, because when I ramble, eventually I will get into an important topic. Such as one about being unlucky in love.

Here's the thing folks: The majority of the people in this world are unlucky in love and very unhappy with their current status. But the only reason that they are unlucky is because they are looking for someone who is perfect that they can fall madly in love with. At our age, that's just ludicrous. Just look for someone that you like spending time with. We've got our whole lives to fall in love and get married and have kids and live in the suburbs. Right now the only thing you should be worried about is having fun and enjoying the time that you have with the remarkable people you will meet on your voyage into the real world.

We've got our whole lives to fall in love and get married and have kids and live in the suburbs. Right now the only thing you should be worrying about is having fun...

Top 5 Reasons Why April And May This Year Totally Rule: 5) My 21st birthday; 4) The Release of Jason X' in theaters on April 26th; 3) The end of my junior year in college; 2) The release of 'Spider-Man' in theaters on May 3rd; 1) The release of 'Star Wars Episode II' on May 16th. Yes. Only a true nerd would be excited about three of the five aforementioned events. Oh well. I like being a nerd. It's who I am. At least I don't walk around in A&F gear trying to pretend that I'm someone that I'm not. In my mind, it's always better to be honest with yourself. Once you figure out how to do that, then everything else will fall into place. That's it for me.

One love. Peace.

Movie of the Week: 'State and Main' Starring: William H. Macy and Philip Seymour Hoffman

3 CD's In My Stereo While Writing This Column: 1) Van Halen- The Best Of Van Halen Volume I 2) Stone Temple Pilots- Shangri-La-Di-Da 3) The Notorious B.I.G-Ready To Die

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

In his April 15 column, my friend Chris Ward wrote that at the very end of World War II the Japanese had plans to attack San Diego with biological weapons. He then asserts that "we used atomic weapons to stop germ warfare on our mainland."

Really? This presupposes that the US knew of Japanese plans to attack San Diego, if in fact any such plan really existed, before we decided to bomb Hiroshima. How could Japan possibly deliver such a weapon? Why were they planning this in September 1946, a month after the war was over?

American leaders at the time never justified our atomic attacks on the grounds of forestalling a biological attack, only as a way to avoid an invasion. You'd have to show me some evidence before I would believe this new rationale.

My own reading (not recent) suggests that we discovered Japanese experiments in germ warfare only after the war, and, incidentally, allowed the perpetrators to escape war crimes trials in exchange for giving us their data.

This may seem a purely academic disagreement, but it is not.

I believe that we as a nation are being psychologically prepared to accept using tactical nuclear weapons to reach bunkers or caves, as the Pentagon is now considering. I also believe that using tactical nuclear weapons would enormously harm American interests. Our unilateral militarism has already made many enemies and alienated many friends.

Perhaps someone invented the San Diego story as part of this propaganda preparation. I am curious about Chris Ward's source for this story. The internet, perchance? A conservative think tank?

In the meantime, let none of us blithely accept the idea that nuclear weapons are just like any others. Using tactical nuclear weapons might seem like an attractive short term alternative to the dirty work of conventional war, but they can not be used without catastrophic long term consequences.

Stephen Sassaman
Department of English

Dear Editor,

Some faculty on campus have questioned the "balance" of the Communication Department's "Media During Wartime" series, specifically citing the presence of a Palestinian perspective without an accompanying Israeli perspective. The claim is not new (as a Palestinian-American I have heard it many times throughout my life), and the claim of "imbalance" almost always accompanies any public expression of sympathy for the Palestinian people. As the organizer of the series, I want to respond publicly. Three of my goals in organizing the series were: to focus on how wars are covered in the American media, to provide a historical context for digesting current media coverage of the "War on Terorism," and to provide alternative sources of information (as public sphere democracy demands).

Since 9/11 we have been in a media context that privileges pro-war views over those views critical of the warfare tactics undertaken by the US and Israel. Therefore, to achieve "balance" is to fill in the information context with less privileged voices. To this end, I purposely sought speakers of diverse gender, ethnicity, nationality, and age. The speakers who drew the most criticism (from a handful of faculty in other departments) were Bathsheba Ratzkoff, an Israeli Jew producing a video on news coverage of the Mideast, and Ellen Khouri, a Palestinian human rights worker and guest lecturer at Harvard. Both presented ideas that provided new perspectives relative to that already available in mainstream media. In fairness to my fellow faculty member John Paulmann, it should be made clear that Ellen Khouri's appearance was an event organized separately from the 5 week series.

That such a diverse range of speakers could draw the criticism of "imbalance" speaks volumes about the need for less heard perspectives to be made more available to our students, faculty, and staff. That this year's Critical Issues in Communication Series is the most widely attended of all the series I've organized affirms for me the currency and relevance of my efforts to increase the diversity of available perspectives in the current climate. I am proud to have organized the Media During Wartime series this year, and if I must publicly defend the value of free debate in our democracy, I will always do so willingly and with pride.

Nessim Watsan
Assistant Professor of Communication

COMMUTERS

Spring Day

BAR-BE-CUE

Wed. May 1

12:30 - 3 p.m.

Wilson Walkway

What You Will

Half lost among the collection of elaborate and attractive photographs, the dimpled cheeks and upturned lips of one little girl smiles quietly from her simple silver frame.

KRISTIN LOIKO

Her sparkling dark eyes lure the observer closer to gaze deeply at the sweet face. The photograph, capturing the little girl's pure joy of the moment, was taken more than forty years ago. The face of that little girl still holds the same sparkling eyes and warm smile, now at the age of fifty-one.

Valerie, the oldest of four children, always held an inspiring optimism and insuppressible encouragement for those dear to her. An immeasurable amount of love is contained in her petite stature. At 5'1", first her brothers and sisters and now her children tower over her. She has filled many roles in her lifetime-daughter, sister, wife, mother, friend-all the while maintaining the personality that has always made her loving and loved by those around her. She became a single mother of three, and daily proved the possibilities of strong and independent children.

At the age of fifty-one, Valerie has insecure moments of the changes that have taken place to the once tiny high school frame. What she doesn't see is the beautiful womanly body that can only come as a gift from time. Her shoulders may bend from the weight of hard work and stress, but her backbone remains forever straight with pride. She holds amazing talents, and quietly goes about spreading joy through her abilities. As a master gardener, she can bring life back to plants seemingly long gone. Flowers seem to burst into bloom just from her touch. Her children were tenderly nurtured throughout childhood. As adults, their mother will always be "Mom", but is also held as a close friend. Those who know her cherish her. Valerie is a role model, an inspiration, a comfort, and a ray of sunshine forever.

For all the things you have done, and all the things you hope to do, for all the things that you are, and always have been- Happy Birthday, Mom! I love you.

K. Loiko is a Voice columnist

Get Fit, Stay Fit

Alternatives to indoor workouts

The average human being spends ninety percent of their day inside. To top it all off most people will work out in a gym indoors without exploring the options of outdoor exercise. Since spring is here and summer is on the way, getting in shape as well as being outdoors should be a priority. There are many alternatives to indoor exercise that can be beneficial and more entertaining in the outdoor environment. Some of these activities include biking, jogging, walking, swimming, roller-blading, hiking and organized outdoor sports.

Utilization of the stationary bike can prove to be very repetitive and dull. It only provides controlled variations in the intensity throughout the workout, making it become less appealing as time goes on. When bicycling outdoors, environmental factors liven up the activity providing constant changes visually as well as a variation in the level of difficulty. Biking at twelve miles per hour burns approximately 410 calories per hour. There are many different options available to the public including: mountain biking rails to trails programs, as well as street riding.

Instead of spending an hour on a treadmill you could have saved the time of driving to the gym or the cost of the membership fees by walking or jogging from your own home. Walking or jogging to your destination when it is not too far from your house saves gas and promotes good health. One could save indoor exercise for a rainy day so they can still participate and not completely neglect indoor activity. Jogging at five and a half miles per hour can burn approximately 700 calories per hour, while walking at 3 miles per hour can burn approximately 320 calories per hour. There are also many options to where one can jog/walk such as state parks, reservoirs, trails, neighborhood roads, local school properties and tracks.

With the warm weather ahead swimming outdoors is also an option. Swimming is an

excellent cardiovascular workout burning approximately 500 calories per hour at a rate of 50 yards per minute. Unfortunately outdoor swimming areas other than pools have limited access depending on your location. If it is possible, swimming in a lake or in open water will prove to be a lot more interesting, as opposed to lap swimming. There is a lot more to observe when you're outdoors, such as wildlife, changes in the environment, and water conditions. When swimming outside there is a destination to reach, which provides a goal thereby creating a challenge.

A fun and inexpensive outdoor activity to participate in is mountain hiking Vertical hiking at a four mile an hour pace without any weighted backpack will burn approximately 360 calories per hour. This is a great alternative to the indoor stair climber in that it creates a challenge to reach specific summits and the environment is constantly changing. The scenic views also make the trip worthwhile not to mention the interaction with the wildlife.

Outdoor activities can be good alternatives replace indoor exercise activities. It doesn't necessarily have to be a sport-like activity in that one can do yard work and achieve the same workout benefits of a trip to the gym. One can save money on gym membership fees and landscape costs, and utilize the same amount of time. Exercising outdoors can have limitless benefits; there are no crowded machines, hassles of paperwork or dirty locker rooms. Exercising outdoors provides the optimal environment for challenging your limits and personal creativity.

IM Athletes of the Month

SUZIE SMITH

MIKE BLACHARD

Congratulations to the NEW Intramurals Board Officers

President - Ryan Lynch
V.P. - Mark Howard
Sec. - Colleen Mann

Congratulations to Womens Floor Hockey Champs

THE THUNDER KATZ

PAUL BARTLEY MEMORIAL AWARD WINNERS

MENS TEAM - AIRBALL

WOMENS TEAM - TEAM X

Luke Byrne Memorial Award Winners

Men - Mike Cofrone

Women - Harmonie Arcisz

Steven Kerr Memorial Award

Men - Jam Oliveri

Women -Jen Koziol

CAROL KELLY MEMORIAL AWARD

MEN - GOS

WOMEN - SUZIE SCOTT

The First Game Is Always Special

By Eddie Capellupo (Class of 2004)

On Friday I am taking my little sister to her first game at Fenway Park. This should be one of the proudest moments of my life. It's a reminder to me of just how much she has grown up in the past six years, and it will impact me beyond measure. For anyone who loves the Red Sox then you know just how big a part of growing up and going to your first game at Fenway Park is. It's strange to say this but I couldn't feel closer to her if she was my own daughter. After all, when she was born I was already old enough to be her father and as such she and I have done countless father-daughter type activities together. Friday will be just another page in the book of things we've done. But it will be extra special for me because Fenway Park is one of my favorite places. No doubt shivers will go down by back, and tears will well up in my eyes. Not an easy task for those who know me well.

I have no doubts in my mind that Friday evening will be one of the most beautiful sights I have ever seen. And believe me when I say that I've seen a lot of things that make me smile. I've seen the sunset over the beach with my former girlfriend, and I've seen smiles on the faces of friends on the night they graduated high school when many said they wouldn't. I've seen the face of my mother when she was finally pregnant after years of trying with my stepfather, and the countless smiles of my little sister. But to see her eyes open wide, and to see the smile etched firmly across her face is going to be one of those sights I will never forget.

When she walks up that ramp on Friday many thoughts will spring to mind, most of them being the thought that she has grown up so fast. Too fast! Used to be I could hold her in my arms and feed her, her "bubba." Now six years later she is walking up the ramp at Fenway Park eating French fries, her favorite food. There was a time when I would give her a bat to hold and she'd drop it, today she is swinging away like Nomar. I remember when she was little, when all she could do was do bubbles and giggle; now she is much older and bringing home projects from school, making jokes, and laughing. The days of holding her and having her fit in my arms are long gone. When I hold her now she is too long and her legs kick over the side of the chair. I guess that is part of growing up. There will come a time when she is dressing like the girls I went out with in high school, and when that day comes I'm scared of what I might say. No doubt it will be something a dad would say.

It's funny how having a little sister changes your perception on life. I used to be like most guys and look to girls simply for sex and not much more. But now when I see a girl I like I think she's adorable, and like a little angel. I know I should know better than that after going through the wringer so many times. But it's hard not to. Obviously this is a direct result of having a little sister who is like my daughter. How can I look to girls as sex objects when they're someone's daughter or sister? It's definitely not the way a college guy should think. But needless to say "hook-ups" and flirting are out of the question. To me it is not to be done any more; I have far too much respect to do those things. Respect that stems not only from by past girlfriends, and my mother, but mainly from my little sister. Now when I think of a girl I think about how great it would be to hold her in my arms.

On Friday when I walk into Fenway Park holding my little sister's hand, I will have to look into her eyes and say thank you. Thank you for changing my life, and making each day worth it. Thank you for being the greatest little sister in the world. I will always love her a whole bunch no matter how old she gets or what she does. She'll always be my baby sister, and I will always be her big brother watching out for her and teaching her, as she teaches me about life. This will be true as long as she's a Red Sox fan, and after Friday night there is no doubt in my mind that she always will be.

Cheerleading Tryouts

For the 2002 Football and Competition Teams

Attend one of the following practices at Juniper Park Gym:
Friday, May 3: 5 to 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 4: 4 to 6 p.m.
Sunday, May 5: 10 a.m. to noon.
Tryouts will be Sunday, May 5, beginning at noon.
Call Lisa (532-1701) or Melissa (572-6256)
All male and female students are welcome.

Varsity Spring Sports Awards Banquet
is Monday, May 6.
Students must pick up a meal ticket
in Ely 244
by Wednesday, May 1, between 9 and 5.

WESTFIELD STATE SOFTBALL TEAM: First row, left to right: Leah Peterson, Meghen Perreeult, B.J. Dion, Amanda Fregeau, Jenn Koziol. Second row: Erin Stawarz, Sarah Kalagher, Nikki Benson, Tesha Goulet, Cait Driscoll, Casey Greggo, Suzie Scott. Third row: head coach Lou Ann Simchak, assistant coach Ken Haar, Abby Wrinn, Liz Oliveira, Michelle Prall, Nelly Pelletier, Kate Pomerleau, Noelle Berard, Sarah Simmons, Christina D'Ambrosio, assistent coach Sue Smith. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

Softball Sweeps Mass. College

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State softball team swept a doubleheader from Western Mass. rival Massachusetts College in conference action on Tuesday, April 23.

The Owls held on to win the opener, 5-3, then rallied to win the nightcap, 9-3.

Westfield is now 18-14-1 overall and 7-5 in the Mass. State Conference. Mass. College is 12-21 and 4-8.

In the first game, Westfield survived the visitors' three-run uprising in the seventh inning. The Owls won despite being outhit, 10-9. Westfield junior second baseman Meghan Perreault was 3 for 3 with two RBI and a double, and junior catcher Tasha Goulet of Worcester (Doherty) was 2 for 4 with an RBI.

Winning pitcher Sarah Simmons scattered 10 hits, struck out three and allowed no walks.

In the nightcap, the Owls trailed 2-0 before erupting for seven runs in the fourth inning. All of the runs scored with two outs as seven consecutive Owls reached base safely. The big blows were a two-run double by Perreault and a three-run double off the left field fence by Goulet.

Westfield pounded 16 hits with every player hitting safely. Winning pitcher Sarah Kalagher (Worcester/Holy Name) was 3 for 3 with a double, and sophomore third baseman Jenn Koziol (Southwick) was 3 for 4 with two RBI. Perreault was 2 for 4.

Kalagher picked up her ninth victory of the season in 13 decisions. She allowed two earned runs and six hits, walked three and struck out three.

WESTFIELD STATE BASEBALL TEAM: First row, left to right: Corey Scalidi, Joe Baldyga, Mike Camey, Matt Larabee, Brian Contenta, J.T. Taylor, Ray McPeck. Second row: Mike Diehl, Sean Couillard, Bill Gaine, Mike McCleary, Steve Patterson, Tim Cadman, Tom Cousineau, Mason Keith, Matt Gurley. Third row: head coach John Griffin, Jeff Bolduc, Jared Seltzer, Aaron Belanger, Nate Hall, Ryan Dunnigan, Brett Ford, Tim Barry, Matt McMillen, Shaun Geary, Ryan Salvedor, assistant coach Don Pomeroy. Missing is Kyle Piazza. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

Owls Defeat Highly Ranked MCLA; Hall Hurls One-Hitter

WESTFIELD - Strong pitching performances ruled the day as Massachusetts College and Westfield State split a conference baseball doubleheader on Tuesday, April 23.

In the opener, Nate Hall tossed a one-hitter to lead the Westfield State to a 7-0 victory over Mass. College, which is ranked seventh in the latest New England Division III poll. In the nightcap, senior Bryan Biuso of Westfield twirled a four-hitter in the Mohawks' 5-2 victory.

Mass. College is now 10-2 in the Mass. State Conference and 26-4-1 overall, setting a school record for most victories in a season. Westfield is 6-6 in the conference and 11-19 overall.

Hall, a 6-3 200-pound lefty from Searsport, Maine, shut out the Mohawks for the second consecutive year. Last season he threw a four-hitter in a 4-0 victory. Hall walked five, struck out five, hit a batter, and gave up a double to Brian Uliasz to lead off the fourth.

Westfield snapped a scoreless tie with a four-run uprising in the fifth, with the big blow a three-run homer by leadoff hitter Corey Scafidi (Waltham). The Owls added three unearned runs in the sixth.

Junior right fielder Aaron Belanger of Pittsfield was 2 for 3 for Westfield with two runs scored and an RBI. Freshman third baseman Shaun Geary was 2 for 3 with a double.

In the nightcap, Biuso had a one-hitter through six innings before allowing two runs on three hits in Westfield's final at bat. Biuso struck out four and walked one.

Junior catcher Shaun Richard paced the Mohawks's 12-hit attack. Richard was 3 for 4 with two doubles and three RBI, including an RBI double in the fourth to snap a scoreless tie.

Ray McPeck tripled for one of Westfield's four hits. Freshman first baseman Brett Ford and junior second Tim Cadman were both 1 for 3 with an RBI

TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
1 Bar brews
5 Attack on a castle
10 Bride's headgear
14 Head of the Catholic church
15 Guru's lend
16 Keep a motor going
17 Tennis term
18 Flash
19 Garfield pal
20 Bounce
22 More foxy
23 Corrode
24 Indonesian island
26 "I've —!" (expression of disgust)
29 Young
33 Sends out
34 Firm
35 Actor Ameche
36 "Lovely —, meter maid"
37 Construct
38 Eagle or robin
39 Tunnel blaster
40 — arcade
41 Being likely (to)
42 Camera accessory
44 Pointed (a weapon)
46 Not difficult
46 Siamese and Persians
48 Now
51 Guppy's home
55 Overwhelms
56 Caribbean country
58 — code
59 Ship bottom
60 Made a choice
61 Shipshape
62 Catch a fleeting glance
63 Oater feature
64 Actress Sommer

DOWN
1 On — with: equal
2 New Jersey town
3 Heroic story
4 Mexican miss
5 Loud breaths
6 Cove
7 Get ready to publish
8 Card-player's call
9 Dine
10 Fiddle
11 Whirlpool
12 Nastase of the courts
13 Nasty glance
21 Shortens
22 Yukon vehicle
24 Intimidate
25 Eager
28 Car-rental agency
27 Protein-building acid
26 Likewise
29 Meets
30 Colorful expression
31 Actor Greene
32 Finished
34 Not shady
37 Hive dwellers
38 Queensland capital
40 Drama
41 Trail
43 Skimpy
46 Summons
47 Out of the way
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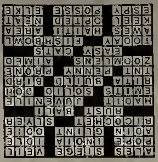

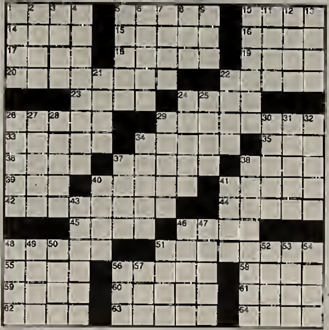

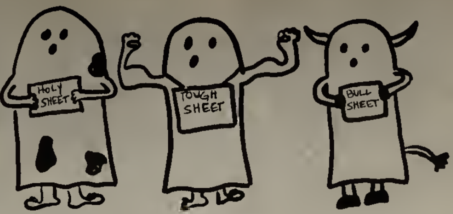

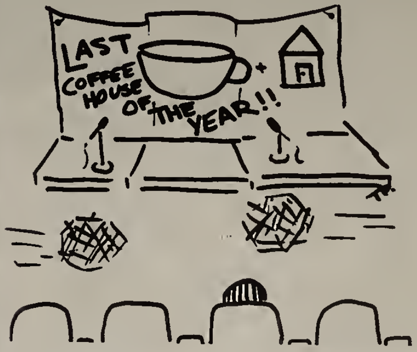
LAST COFFEE HOUSE OF THE YEAR!!
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Personals

Who let the dogs out?

Chafa is hot.

Meg $& LB Tagteaming.

Rusty Jones lives in our apartment.

This is the hot Sh*t?

Red hair + Friday night = no fun

GAB = STD

'Boo Boo"

2C2 is hot, and you're not

The asparagus needs more cinnamon.

Jeff C. is the sexiest man alive

Who left their panties on my head?

What is it about nice weather that possesses everyone with a crappy music collection to blast it out their window?

! love Donald Duck -DL

Foil, purple is your color.

"Humpi Jones"

"Whip me hard"

I got one wayed at City View

Jeremy, I love you so much. From your future wife, Jen.

Spring Weekend Sucked!

Sarah, Erica, and Kristy - Sleep Tight in CDickinson, we've been watching you!

The purple bird was seen in South Lot woods.

Wilba eats poop sandwiches.

Who left their tampon in the courtyard?

Meg's single boys watch out.

Christine smells like a beaver.

Yo Troy man, I can't come in tomorrow.

Cloutier, Philly owns you.

The Commander!!!

If you want to make a bukakki film with Tippy or Wes Buttman, call 77**.

Ashock, touch my playstation again and your room will become a bukakki studio.

Kevin, Amanda and Karl are f**ked up. Thanks 4 the pen!

Jenny, Jeff, & Lauren are going to the bars.

Bunnies!! + Kittens!! + Puppies!!

Foil, the speed limit on campus is 15!

I love you Mark! - Jess

Tim, make a bukakki with Mazzone.

Just bring local bands to Spring Weekend next year.

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

USEFUL INFORMATION

JUST THE PLAIN FAX

AS SGT. JOE FRIDAY USED TO SAY– "JUST THE PLAIN FAX MA'AM." A PUBLIC FAX MACHINE HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN THE ELY CAMPUS CENTER MAIN LOUNGE. INSTRUCTIONS ARE EASY TO FOLLOW. PRICES ARE OUTLINED FOR EACH USAGE.

WANT SOME CULTURE?

Check out Springfield Symphony Orchestra schedule at the Campus Center Service Window. Student vouchers for $6

NEED A WASH?

Golden Nozzle car wash coupons on sale for $4 at the Campus Center Service Window. Make your car happy and clean!

NEED CASH FAST?

Fleet Bank ATM located in Ely Campus Center Main Level.

DON'T FORGET!

Get your Spring ID stickers at the Campus Center Service Window

GOING SOMEWHERE?

Bus /Train information available at the Campus Center Service Window

ELY CAMPUS CENTER GAMES

Games are located in Ely 131. You must present your student ID in order to take games out. CARDS , CRIBBAGE , DOMINOES , GUESSTURES , LIFE , MANCALA , PICTIONARY, RISK , SCRABBLE , SCATTERGORIES, TABOO , TRI BOND , UNO, YAHTZEE

Activities Line: x5840 / Info Line: x5440 / Class Cancellation Line: x5411

Dining Commons

Mon-Thurs 7:30a-7:00p Fri 7:30a-6p
Weekends 10:30a-1:30p & 4:30p-6p

Health Services

Mon-Thurs 8a-6p Fri 8a-4p Sat 12p-4p
Doctor'r Hrs Mon-Fri 11a-1p
Nurse Practioner: Call for Hours (x5415)

Wellness Center

Mon-Wed 7a-10p Thur 7a-9p Fri 7a-7p
Sat 1p-6p Sunday 4p-9p
x5500 pool info

Library Hours

Mon-Thur 8a-11p;
Fri 8a-5pm
Sat 1pm-6pm;
Sun 1pm-9pm

Bookstore

Call x5657
For Hours of Operation

Subway

Mon-Fri 8a-11p
Sat 12p-11p Sun 1p-11p

Events are free & open to the entire college community unless otherwise noted. To have events published on The Back Page please E-mail thecampusvoice@hotmail.com

WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events

Mon 4/29	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Chocolat"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "13 Ghosts"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Tue 4/30	2:00 p.m.	Salute to Seniors	Ely Main Lounge
	5:30 p.m.	LAST Student Government Association	SGA Office
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Domestic Disturbance"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Stepmom"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Wed 5/1	12:30 p.m.	Commuter Bar-B-Que	Bates Lawn
	1:00 p.m.	Mid Week Musicale	Dever Auditorium
	7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Theatre Department's "Deirdre"	$$ Ely Black Box
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "A Civil Action"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "School Ties"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Thur 5/2	2:00 p.m.	Nuts and Bolts of Programming	Scanlon Banquet Hall
	8:00 p.m.	Theatre Department's "Deirdre"	$$ Ely Black Box
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Erin Brockavich"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Pay it Foward"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Karaoke Night	Ely Main Lounge
Fri 5/3	2:30 p.m.	Theatre Department's "Deirdre"	$$ Ely Black Box
	4:00 p.m.	West Indian Festival	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Theatre Department's "Deirdre"	$$ Ely Black Box
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Proof of Life"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Spy Game"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Sat 5/4	2:30 p.m.	Theatre Department's "Deirdre"	$$ Ely Black Box
	8:00 p.m.	Theatre Department's "Deirdre"	$$ Ely Black Box
	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live with WSKB	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Proof of Life"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Spy Game"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Sun 5/5	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Proof of Life"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Spy Game"	Cable Channels 56 & 57

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Students brave weather for Run DMC & Spring Weekend

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Seniors having varied success rates in finding jobs upon graduation

-Photo by Tom Perron

A senior gets information on resumes and finding a job from the Career Services table at last week's Salute to Seniors event.

By Laura Cyr
Editor in Chief

With graduation rapidly approaching, many seniors at Westfield State are still hunting for jobs and some are willing to settle for something outside their field if that is all that is offered.

Jennifer DeStefano, a Communication major, said that many seniors within her major are finding jobs, but they aren't the jobs they specifically studied for. "A lot of communication majors are having to find jobs related to their field, but not exactly what they studied," said DeStefano, whom herself hasn't yet found a job.

DeStefano said she is thinking of applying to law school for the fall of 2003 but wouldn't mind 'just taking a year off and continue waitressing. "It's a tough job market out there and I think a lot of people are settling."

Some seniors are also discovering the job market is especially tough in Massachusetts due to the recent budget cuts. Jessica Bonavita, an English and Middle School Education major, said she is currently looking for a teaching job, but many schools aren't currently hiring. "Schools aren't exactly hiring now due to the budget cuts in education. Schools don't know about their budgets yet, so they won't know about jobs until late summer," she said.

Bonavita said the school she is doing her student teaching at is planning on laying off about 10 percent of its teachers. This is a problem that is being seen throughout Massachusetts. She said that she has sent out about 15 resumes and attended job fairs, but is also looking to alternative schools or Catholic schools as backup options.

Meghan Hoffman, an Early

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New SGA president talks about plans for next year

D'Angelo said it will be a public relations year for SGA in attempt to rebuild character

By Tom Perron
Assistant Editor

On Wednesday, April 24, Rhiannon D'Angelo, junior, received the call from the Student Government Association (SGA) office telling her that she will be the SGA President for the 2002-2003 academic year.

At the final SGA meeting for the 2001-2002 academic year D'Angelo took her first stab at being President of SGA. She closed the meeting and adjourned it until September of 2002.

Recently D'Angelo, a political science major with a minor in women's studies, had the opportunity to sit down and talk about her plans, goals, and hopes for next year's SGA.

The following is a verbatim transcript of my conversation with D'Angelo. The questions that I asked D'Angelo are followed by her responses.

Perron: Congratulations on your win.

D'Angelo: Thank you.

Perron: What were you doing when you found out that you were going to be the President of SGA for next year?

D'Angelo: I was just hanging out with my roommates in my apartment.

Perron: When did you first get involved with SGA?

D'Angelo: Freshman year I played soccer for the first season and then I really didn't like it. I saw signs about getting involved in SGA and I ran for president of Davis Hall and I won. From then on I was a senator for my class for two years.

Perron: Which did you prefer more? Hall or class council?

D'Angelo: I liked being a class senator, but being president of my hall was an awesome start.

Perron: Why did you want to be the SGA President?

D'Angelo - Page 3

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

Megan Carmichael and Julia Santabarbara recently starred in the play "Deirdre," written by English professor Joan Mento. Turn to page 12 for the Voice review.

SGA behavior guidelines tightened

By Alison Close
Voice Reporter

Westfield State College's Student Government Association voted and approved a new amendment and change to its constitution, tightening up the behavioral guidelines and consequences for SGA members regarding behavior that threatens the reputation and integrity of the association.

The Rules and Regulations Committee Chair Gary Muddiman proposed the amendment, in which the members approved both items.

The first approved item was the new amendment to

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Collaborative efforts will lead to changes on campus beginning this summer

By Brooke Ann Popielarz
Voice Reporter

Collaborative efforts have been made by the Massachusetts State Building Authority, Student Affairs, Facilities and Operations and Residential Life who have all joined together to make changes happen on campus beginning this summer.

A new change developing for next fiscal year deals with the First Year Experience program in the residence halls. Clusters of rooms will be assigned together as opposed to an entire section devoted to students in the program. "I think it is definitely better because I did not like the fact we were put together because of the fact we were first year students," said Xiyan Wang, a junior who participated in the program.

Dr. Jon Conlogue, Director of Residential Life, said there were advantages to the first year experience students who were grouped to live together. Residential assistants were specifically trained to handle students' common first year needs. "RA's were able to hold more targeted programming for students," Conlogue said.

This was changed in part due to the Passport Program, Conlogue said. "Passport encouraged first year students to get involved. Our staff found a good response from those students. However, returning students became disinterested in attending events," Conlogue said.

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Jobs

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Childhood Education and Liberal Studies major, said she is looking for teaching jobs within the public school system, but is also looking to Catholic schools if no prospects arise in the public schools. "I know I'll get something, I'm just not sure what," Hoffman said, adding that education majors she knows are also waiting to hear if schools will be hiring.

Severe Special Needs and Liberal Studies major Amanda Perrin has had success with teaching job searching though, she said. Perrin said she sent her resume to Lowell public schools and a day and a half later they called her and said they wanted to hire her. She said the area of special education, especially those who are in severe special needs, needs teachers badly. "Not a lot of people want to work with that population, but teachers for severe special needs are greatly needed," Perrin said.

Some areas in the criminal justice field have also been affected by state budget cuts, said Criminal Justice major P.J. Lorentzen. Lorentzen, who will be taking the state police test shortly, said that law enforcement has been hit by the budget cuts. Lorentzen said the cuts seem to be mostly in the corrections department, which is not the area he is looking into. Lorentzen said that he is looking to get hired for the state police anywhere in New England, but Massachusetts is his first choice.

Kelley Cady, a Movement Science major, said she is looking for a job and is confident she'll find one because there are many new gyms opening. She also said that there are many opportunities in the Boston, New Jersey, and New York areas and that people are willing to relocate.

Looking beyond Massachusetts can help broaden the job market for seniors, especially for certain fields, said Junior Delgado of Career Services. He said that there's a lot of districts throughout the country hiring teachers.

Delgado stressed that doing research is the most important thing in finding a job. "I wouldn't say there aren't jobs out there, but you need to do research," he said. He said that some students are just beginning the job search process and are only in the research phase, while others started this process a few months ago and are currently going on interviews.

Career fairs, the Sunday edition of newspapers, looking in the phone book, web sites, and networking are all ways students can find jobs, Delgado said. He recommended networking by going out and talking to businesses, family, friends, and getting contacts as a great way to make the connections needed to land jobs.

A career fair was the place Business and Economics major Carrie Bissonnette found her job. Bissonnette was hired to work at Sun Life Financial in Wellesley after giving a representative her resume at a job fair at Umass-Amherst and being called back for two interviews. At her second interview, she said, she was there with 20 other students from all big name schools and was a little intimidated. Bissonnette said that one main question she was asked was, "Why did she choose to go to Westfield State College?"

"I feel really lucky because my job search was limited. I went to one job fair and got a job," said Bissonnette, who had an internship at Morgan Stanley on her resume. "I'm excited because it's actually related to my majors."

For juniors who will be starting the job search process next year, Delgado said that students should begin the research early. He also recommended doing internships and co-ops to gain experience and connections and learn about the line of work.

From the Editor's Desk

Get ready for a spankin' new year

I made up my mind that I was going to become a teacher in the third grade. Throughout middle school and high school, I continued to tell myself that I wanted to teach. As I grew older I realized that children drove me nuts, but I still couldn't picture myself doing anything else. When I decided on which college to attend, I knew that Westfield State was within my price range and it is known for its education department. My first semester here was hell. I was an education and history major and three out of my five courses were history. As the semester continued, I realized that my heart wasn't in the profession. I made the decision to switch to business, God only knows why. Anything that has to do with numbers sends me into an anxiety attack and causes uncontrollable perspiration. After receiving an unpleasant grade in Macroeconomics, I set out to search for a new major. In my second semester freshman year I took Introduction to Mass Communication with Nessim Watson. It was then that I knew the department of communication was my home. My concentration began in public relations and quickly moved to journalism. I loved to write. I wasn't sure if I was any good at it but I definitely enjoyed it.

The purpose of one's life is to do what they love, right? Well I love to write and I made up my mind that it was what I was going to do. The middle of my sophomore year I gave the Editor-in-Chief of The Campus Voice, Bobb Burgess, a call and told him I wanted to write but I wasn't sure how. The reassurance in his voice when he told me not to worry, he'll teach me, helped me breathe easier when I entered the office for the first time.

It was here that I have developed my writing skills. Under Bobb's direction, my articles improved. After being a part of the staff for a year and a half, I have been guided by Laura Cyr, the current Editor-In-Chief. She has given me the opportunity to learn the skills of editing and layout. As a member of The Campus Voice I have seen the dedication, hard work and definitely heart which has gone into every issue. The feeling of pride that overcomes me as I flip through the finished copy has yet to cease. Next year, as Editor-In-Chief, I know that the feeling of pride will continue to grow as The Campus Voice staff and I continue to develop a professional paper for the community of Westfield State College.

Adrienne Lamplough
Editor-In-Chief

Senior Graduation

Rehearsal

May 17-Noon

Campus Green

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Seniors You Must

Be There

Pearl Foundation

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D'Angelo

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D'Angelo: When I joined SGA freshman year it was run really efficiently and it was very productive. Everyone had such personalities. I kind of feel like I am one of the last ones left of the people who saw how it ran when I came in and I just want to bring that back.

Perron: Why do you think that you are going to make a good President?

D'Angelo: I think that I have a good idea of what students like and what students don't like and of a lot of things that will work. I know a lot of people on campus just from being involved in a lot of things outside of student government. I know how senate runs, being a four year senator. I feel like I know what is going on down here and I can just train the next four years.

Perron: What other groups are you involved with on campus?

D'Angelo: Over the years I've done class council and played soccer. I have done a lot of things for women's studies.

Perron: If you had to describe yourself in three words, what would they be?

D'Angelo: Probably ambitious, accepting, and [after a long pause] witty.

Perron: What are your main goals for next year's SGA?

D'Angelo: My main goal with SGA is making sure that everyone knows that we are here and we are doing things. It's going to be kind of a PR [public relations] year a little bit. We are going to be involved. I also want the senators to come down and come to every meeting. I want them to be fun, but at the same time very productive. Pretty much I want people to enjoy senate. I think that the campus will see that, if they see tons of people are at every event.

Perron: How do you plan to make senate fun, but still be productive?

D'Angelo: I'm not going to run it like "I'm in charge and this is how it goes." I'm not really an intimidating person. I don't think that people are going to be afraid to talk. We're going to try to have lots of guest speakers and forums. Everything is going to be publicized like it's never been publicized before. I want everyone to know that we really can do things.

Perron: What type of activities are you going to get the campus more involved in (SGA) so they know that SGA is more than just the basement of Ely?

D'Angelo: We want to try to do a lot of charity work – like raise money for different organizations. Over this year we lacked a little bit besides the Red Cross. They did a good job with the Red Cross, but we can definitely do more. I don't have exact plans yet, but we are going to do obviously all of the same events like Spring Weekend, Senate Banquet, and everything like that, but I think that we are going to get involved a lot more.

Perron: Last year in a Campus Voice survey, it was found out that Amanda Miranda, SGA President for the 2000-2001 academic year, was not known by 73 percent of the campus community as the President of SGA. What are you going to do differently to make yourself known on campus as "Hey that's Rhiannon – President of SGA"?

D'Angelo: I think that since I've been involved in things outside of student government, I know a lot of people and I think a lot of students know me. I haven't been the girl who has just been involved in one thing and no one else has seen her. If somebody doesn't know me, then next year they will definitely know another senator because we are going to be out there and available.

> **"I don't think that we should be held to a higher standard, but I think that we have to understand that if we do something it is going to be looked on by other people as worse than if someone else did it."**
> **Rhiannon D'Angelo**

Perron: Shane Eldredge, the elected President for 2001-2002 year, resigned after a series of incidents that occurred, including the Senate Banquet. From what I have heard from numerous SGA senators, if he didn't resign there would have been a motion to recall him from his position. Do you think that senators, especially SGA executive board members, should be held to higher standards of conduct than the rest of the student body, first at SGA sponsored events and second, in general, always while on campus?

D'Angelo: I think that people make mistakes. I don't think that we should be held to a higher standard, but I think that we have to understand that if we do something it is going to be looked on by other people as worse than if someone else did it. I don't think that he is any worse of a person than anyone else. But I think that he knew that 50 something people would get a rap for what he did, so I think he did the right thing.

Perron: Do you think, if put into the same situation as Eldredge, you would resign?

D'Angelo: Definitely.

Perron: Tonight the constitution for SGA was amended to include a clause that would allow the recall of an SGA member for inappropriate conduct. Do you think that was a good move? Most of the senior class senators voted against the motion. What do you think about it?

D'Angelo: I don't want to comment on that.

Perron: How much power do you think SGA has?

D'Angelo: I don't think that it is about power. We really don't have power. It's about getting things done and I think we get things done on campus. I think we hold successful events and make students aware, which is powerful in a different way. But I don't think that we have power in a way that any senator is better than anyone else sort of thing. I don't feel more important than anyone else because I am a senator.

Perron: Do you agree with the SGA's neutral stance policy and not getting involved too much?

D'Angelo: Yeah, I do agree with that. We have to act like a liaison between the administration, the faculty and the students. The faculty does so much for us and we do so much for the students that if we took one stand or the other we would not be representing the whole of the student body, which is why we are here.

Perron: A poll the Campus Voice did last year said that only half of the student body believes that SGA represents the student body to the best of their abilities. Do you think SGA accurately represents the entire campus community as a whole?

D'Angelo: I think it has the potential to. I know that there have been many instances where people could probably argue differently, but that is our main objective and I hope that we do that next year.

Perron: Why do you think that students should get involved in SGA?

D'Angelo: You meet so many people. You are given opportunities to make things happen that you couldn't by sitting in your dorm room and watching TV. News that you wouldn't hear that really involves you, you hear first. Being a senator also makes you a really well rounded student.

Perron: If I wanted to join SGA, how would I do so?

D'Angelo: Hall elections are in the fall. All you need to do is fill in a signature form and get 25 signatures from some of your friends or people in your hall and you can run for any hall position. We have SGA elections in the spring when you can run for any class council. All you have to do is call x5429 and Barbara [Hand, SGA Advisor,] will tell you what to do.

Perron: During the year, if there are any open positions on your class council, is there a way to get into the open position without waiting for the next elections?

D'Angelo: If you don't know who your class president is, which you should know, you can always give them a call and ask them if there are any positions open on the class council. If there is they will interview you for the position and the class as a whole will pick and vote if they want you in. Just from people leaving and doing sports and stuff, there is usually something always open.

Perron: Is there anybody that you would like to thank?

D'Angelo: My roommates, Dano, Tracy and my class council.

Perron: Is there anything else that you would like to say?

D'Angelo: I hope SGA really works out the way I have it in my head next year and I think that people are going to hear a lot about us next year.

The Campus Voice would like to thank Rhiannon for her time and wish her luck for next year.

Voice of The Week

Elizabeth Johansson

HOMETOWN: LEXINGTON, MA

POSITION: CLASS OF 2002 REP. TO SENATE

FAMILY: DAD (JOHN), MOM (MARY), KRISTEN (23)

YEAR: 2002

MAJOR: BUSINESS MANAGEMENT & ECONOMICS

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: THE GIRLS IN 2C1, 1C1, AND THE BOYS IN 102 (I'LL MISS YOU GUYS)

LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: PEOPLE WHO COMPLAIN ABOUT WESTFIELD BUT DON'T GET INVOLVED TO CHANGE IT

FAVORITE QUOTE: "IT IS GOOD TO HAVE AN END TO JOURNEY TOWARD; BUT IT IS THE JOURNEY THAT MATTERS, IN THE END." URSULA K. LEGUIN

FAVORITE MOVIE: THE FIRM

PLANS AFTER GRADUATION: GET A JOB IN MARKETING

FAVORITE MEMORY WHILE AT WSC: AUSTRALIA 2000

FAVORITE BOOK: "THE ENDS OF THE EARTH" BY ROBERT D. KAPLAN

COMPILED BY JENN PRIOR

What are you going to miss most about working on The Campus Voice?

"HAVING SOMETHING TO DO EVERY MINUTE OF THE DAY, WEDNESDAY NIGHTS, & BUGGING MY MOM TO TAPE FELICITY FOR ME EVERY WEEK."

LAURA CYR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"FRIENDS ON THE STAFF AND EATING ICE CREAM. I WON'T MISS TOM'S LOUD CONSTANT VOICE AND MISSING DAWSONS THOUGH."

MEG CANNING
NEWS EDITOR

"HAVING THE CHANCE TO TALK ABOUT RANDOM CRAP EACH WEEK. AND WORKING WITH THE CUTE GIRLS UP HERE EACH WEEK."

JON SEWELL
ASSISTANT EDITOR

"HAVING ACCESS TO AN EXTRA ROOM TO TAKE NAPS AND DO HOMEWORK IN...OH AND DOING THE PAPER."

JED DION
A&E EDITOR

"THE BEAUTIFUL, KIND, INTELLIGENT WOMEN - THEY ROCK."

MARTIN LEE
DESIGN EDITOR

"GETTING INTO ALL OF THE THEATRE SHOWS FOR FREE."

LAURA GIBSON
VOICE REPORTER

Voices Overheard compiled by Tom Perron

Changes

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Residential life decided to add three new RA's to its staff. They will be placed in Dickinson, Lammers and Davis. This is due to the rise in enrollment and increase of residents in each building.

The Wellness Section in Courtney Hall will be transferred to Lammers Hall for next year. A2 and B2 will be considered the Quiet Living Unit, a new addition to the marked sections. The other change Conlogue addressed was the fact that Lammers Hall will be reserved for the exchange students, opposed to Scanlon Hall like this year.

The big projects this summer lie at Lammers, Davis and Dickinson. All three dormitories will have the sprinkler system installed. Conlogue said Residential Life will determine which hall will be renovated first based on the hall's age and need for attention.

Conlogue also said students need to get back into the habit of using the side doors during a fire drill.

"I live on the first floor of Lammers and I never use the fire exits, I don't even think about it," said Mike Mascio, a Lammers resident.

These same three dorms will undergo ceiling fixtures and lighting replacements in each room this summer. But, Lammers has two stages to go through in order to be complete, according to Conlogue.

"Some students may experience some paint chips in their hallway next year and the replacing of the lighting fixtures in the halls of the dorms will be done the following summer," said Conlogue.

Lammers is also receiving new lounge furniture. Other new furniture sets will be decided later as to a location.

Conlogue said they're already planning a new residence hall in front of Davis Hall for 400 students.

Also, the construction of the field house is beginning this summer and is anticipated to open in 2004.

Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Arthur Jackson said that the handbook will be revised so students realize microwaves will be confiscated by the residence assistant if found.

The other change in the handbook is that if a student pleads responsible for an act of misconduct, he or she may report right to Sue LaMontagne, Director of Student Conduct, instead of going to the Judicial Board.

LAMMERS HALL

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

Renovations in Lammers Hall are part of the changes that will be made on the Westfield State campus during the summer.

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Please make sure that you have your pin before you leave for the summer break. Due to our students' ability to access spring semester grades on the web, we will not mail grades slips at the end of the semester.

To view spring semester grades go to http://infowise.wsc.ma.edu

Seniors-May 17

Other-May 22

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SGA

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Article III, Section 1 of the constitution regarding Membership and Structure. The new item is Standards of Ethics and Behavior for Student Government members. It now states that those members who have violated behavioral codes of the school or of SGA can now be removed from the association. The item reads as follows:

"Student Senators are expected to act as role models in adhering to the Student Government Association and By Laws exhibiting behavior suitable to the student leadership position. Any member exhibiting behavior which impinges on the integrity of the Student Government Association will be subject to removal from the Student Government Association by means of due process."

Nine senators voted against the proposed changed, compared to the 39 senators who voted for the change. "I don't think you can start putting rules on students' behavior. I feel we're all responsible adults in college and we don't need laws to tell us how to act at student events," Class of 2002 Representative Elizabeth Johansson said.

The other item change included the wording of Article V, Legislative Council, which changed the current guideline that a member of the Executive Council may be recalled by a three-fourths vote to a two-thirds vote.

The item also changed the statement that currently reads the recalled member may run in the new election. It now states that the recalled member must wait until the next regular Executive Council election.

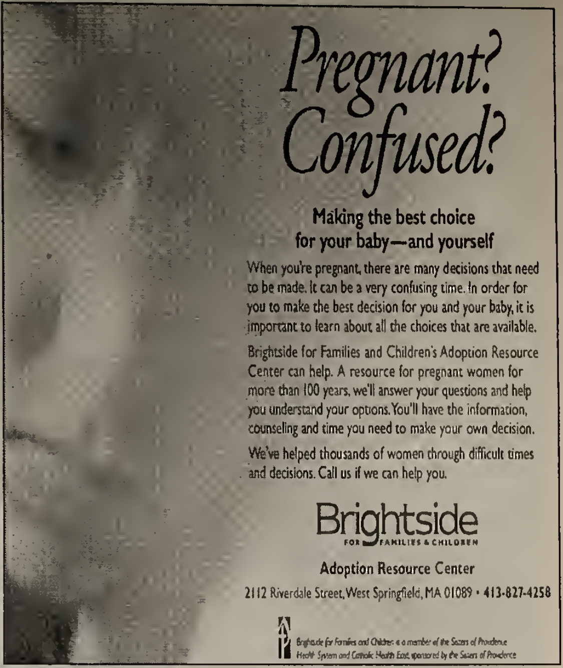
In other news, the Parking Control Board announced that parking decal fees will increase by 50 percent next academic year. The cost for a main lot decal will increase from $60 to $90, south lot and commuter lot decals from $50 to $75, continuing education decals from $30 to $45, and motorcycle decals from $20 to $30.

The increases in decal fees are due in part by the cost of a camera security system that will be added to the parking lots, as well as future plans to expand South Lot from holding 300 cars to 500 cars. The current budget deficit is also a reason for the increase in decal costs.

There is also a proposed new policy for freshmen parking, which would make parking for freshmen students much more restrictive. The new policy would state that freshmen can only apply for a parking decal after the first two weeks of school, after sophomores, juniors, and seniors have had an opportunity to purchase one.

Also, freshmen students seeking a decal will be considered if they have a medical need or a job-related need, which will both be determined by the parking clerk.

Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Arthur Jackson was present to congratulate all members for a great year, and also to announce that WSC was this year's recipient of the Smith Cup. "I want to extend my congratulations to all the athletes as well as the supporters of these athletes," said Jackson.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Interested in getting involved with The Campus Voice next year? Keep your eyes out for a general info meeting next fall-It's a good time for all.

Good Luck with finals and have a safe and happy summer! From The Campus Voice

10 years after riots, Blacks and Koreans edge closer

K. CONNIE KANG
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES-The progress in black-Korean relations since the 1992 riots is measured by the friendship that Kapson Lee and Arlene Whitfield are cultivating. It's measured by the fact that the Rev. Antony Beckham, a black man, pastors a church of Koreans. It's measured by the way young Koreans and blacks hobnob at a Chinatown hip-hop nightclub.

The progress or lack of it is also measured by the way some young black residents near a Korean-owned grocery store in South-Central Los Angeles refuse to shop there: They are convinced the owner disrespects them. He is scared, afraid one misspoken word will create an incident.

The gulf between these two cultures was unmasked by the riots, when 2,200 Korean-owned businesses suffered about $400 million in damage. As the rest of Los Angeles would learn during the aftermath, the tension had been building.

Two weeks after the Rodney King beating, a Korean American woman, whose grocery store had been the target of gangs for months, fatally shot a black girl after an altercation. She was convicted of voluntary manslaughter but was sentenced only to probation. Five months later, when the riots broke out, Korean-owned businesses came under siege. One of the riots' most indelible images was a picture of Korean men, armed with rifles, standing on the roofs of their businesses, substituting for the police who had retreated.

Low-income blacks, as they had for years, complained that Korean merchants in their neighborhoods treated them with contempt and suspicion. The merchants complained that crime had hardened them. The truth was, and remains, more complex. Language, culture and mutual ignorance conspire against both sides.

Ever since the riots, blacks and Koreans have organized countless sensitivity sessions, prayer meetings and trips to Korea. The differences from 1992, along with examples of a frustrating inertia, are subtle but telling.

Start with a market on South Main Street in a black-Latino neighborhood.

All day long, the customers come, children clutching coins for candy, young mothers with toddlers in tow, middle-aged men buying a six-pack of beer and cigarettes.

``Papa, I owe you $26. I'll pay on Friday," a middle-aged black customer with slightly graying hair tells the Korean owner.

``You always pay," the owner responds with a smile, as he puts his customer's purchases inside a black plastic bag, handing it through an opening in a bullet-proof partition.

The owner, who asked that his name not be used, conducts most of his business standing behind the transparent shield, topped by an iron grill.

``I try to be joyful," he says, ``to have a thankful heart." But like many of the two dozen Korean American store owners in South-Central a Los Angeles Times reporter visited, he is drained. Most customers are easy to serve, he says, but a few ``troublemakers" haunt him.

Recently, a 12- or 13-year-old boy wanted to buy cigarettes with food stamps, he says. ``When I wouldn't, he toppled the shelves. ... When I went after him, he hit me." He shows bruises on his lips and inside his mouth.

Outside the market on another day, a black girl, 15-year-old Latasha Johnson, is about to buy ice cream but says that on principle she will not shop at this store. ``Everybody here doesn't like that man and now we leave him alone," she said of the owner. The problem, she says, is that his fear of black customers leads him to behave insultingly.

``That's why people threaten him, because of the way he treats them," Johnson says.

There is little tension here because those who feel uncomfortable simply shop at another market run by a Latino couple a few blocks away.

Many of the estimated 1,100 Korean American market owners in Los Angeles County, staggered by the passion of the riots, have become more sensitive about dealing with their customers, especially blacks. A Times reporter who has informally tracked this dynamic for years found more outward gestures of respect and friendship. Some give presents to their customers at Christmas, attend funerals, contribute to scholarships for black students or join block clubs.

In addition, the influx of Latinos to South-Central and the departure of tens of thousands of blacks to the suburbs has changed the demographic mix. South-Central was 36.6 percent black in 2000 compared to 48 percent in 1990.

But deep down, the fundamental differences between Korean shopkeepers and black customers make their encounters precarious equations of necessity.

The two cultures rarely live together. For example, in the ten Los Angeles County census tracts with the heaviest black population, largely in South Central, Koreans make up an average of 6 percent. In the 10 tracts with the heaviest Korean populations, largely in several Mid-City neighborhoods, blacks make up an average of less than .5 percent.

While many of the Korean American shopkeepers' customers are poor and have marginal education, 80 percent of the merchants are college graduates, their economic advancement stymied by the language barrier. They come from a hierarchal Confucian culture, in which sizing up people by their age, education and social standing is second nature; egalitarianism is an alien concept. From the blacks' point of view, the idea of a neighborhood business that has no community commitment is just as alien.

File Photo

Experts from both groups are weary of the emphasis on race. They plead for a more sophisticated analysis.

``We haven't developed a manner to actually talk about and work through problems of race, class and gender," says Brenda Stevenson, a black University of California, Los Angeles history professor who has written an upcoming book on the case of Latasha Harlins, the South-Central teenager fatally shot by a Korean grocer in 1991.

Like the King beating, the Harlins killing was caught on videotape. It shows the girl, 15, and the grocer, Soon Ja Du, arguing over a bottle of orange juice that Du thinks the girl has stolen. Harlins, much taller and heftier than Du, hits her first, knocking the Korean woman to the ground. Du struggles to get up. She fumbles for a gun, aims at Harlins as she leaves and shoots her in the back.

The pair became symbols of two peoples in conflict, symbols far more crude than the nuanced differences that should have governed the ensuing debate, Stevenson said.

Ultimately, however, the children of the riots may have an easier time.

Los Angeles High School is three-quarters Latino, 14 percent black, 8 percent Asian. Like high schools everywhere, students mostly hang out with their own kind at lunch. But a contrasting dynamic operates in smaller group settings when students work on shared projects.

On the school's prize-winning academic decathlon team, two Koreans and a black have become such close friends that they hope they will able to attend Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, together come September.

On or off campus, Saladin Thomas, who is black, William Kim and Paul Jung, both American-born Koreans, have some memory of the riots. Jung, who was 8, went along with his mother to join a historic march of 30,000 Korean Americans. Kim was shaken by the looting of his friend's parents' shop in Koreatown.

They were too young to understand the meaning of the disturbances or much publicized frictions, and they say it has not not colored them.

Thomas and Kim said they don't have to talk to understand what the other is thinking.

Sometimes they could be sitting far away from each other in the classroom, but with the roll of their eyes or other facial expression, they communicate.

``Sometimes we walk around mouthing things just like stupid teenage humor we both know that it means," said Thomas.

``I don't look at Paul or Will as Korean Americans," he added. ``I see them as Will and Paul."

Similarly Kim and Jung view Thomas as a gifted musician and teammate whose company they enjoy.

``What might have happened in the past is past; you work with what you have now," said Kim.

A better application at University of North Carolina

THE WASHINGTON POST

There is probably no way to make applying to college pleasant; no way to keep senior year from being what it so often is for so many high schoolers, a time of hope, ambition and relentless anxiety. Even so, lately there's been a lot of talk that one way to make the process saner and fairer would be to reduce the pressure many students feel to commit to a single college early on. Yale President Richard C. Levin ha been outspoken on the topic, positing that it would be a good thing if the Ivy League took a collective breath and simply, all at once, dropped the practice of offering binding early-decision admissions. Maybe this will happen and maybe it won't; in the meantime the University of North Carolina has gone ahead and done it, a decision for which UNC deserves praise.

UNC dropped early decision for the most important reason: It puts minority and low-income students at a disadvantage. Students who apply early tend to be those with time and means; more important, students must promise to matriculate if accepted, which prevents the early applicant from soliciting financial aid offers from a number of colleges. It's generally easier to get in by applying early, but poorer students may have to forgo that advantage in order to have a better chance of getting as much aid as possible. In the three years that UNC offered binding early decision, 82 percent of students admitted early were white, compared with 72 percent of later applicants. ``No matter how responsibly you run an early-decision program, it still tends to be a group of students who are more financially able and less diverse," said Vice-Provost Jerome Lucido. Among all students, UNC officials saw gamesmanship and a rush to judgment; students were applying early because everybody else was. Repelled by the frenzy they were fueling, UNC stopped fueling it, retaining a nonbinding ``early action" program for that small number of students who really do know their own minds early.

It remains to be seen whether other schools will follow. An estimated 400 colleges and universities admit a sizable portion of students early.

Some, like Harvard, offer only the nonbinding option, but most, like Yale, demand a firm commitment and admit as many as 40 percent this way. Doing so increases the school's ``yield" the number of students who accept their acceptance and a high yield means a high ranking in college surveys. UNC has shown that it cares less about ranking and more about thinking: It wants students to mature, learn a little bit about what's out there and make the best decision after considering a host of options. In doing so, it has reaffirmed its commitment to egalitarianism and critical thinking, the qualities that higher education, in this country, is supposed to instill.

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-Jerome Lucido

Colombia's cities drawn into fray

RUTH MORRIS
LOS ANGLES TIMES

BOGOTA, Colombia-Lars Hagg remembers that he had bought an ice cream for his 5-year-old daughter and that they were heading home along the uneven pavement of this capital city's congested Seventh Avenue. Then, as they passed a bookstore, the ground beneath them exploded.

"It all happened in 10 seconds," Hagg recalled. "The bomb was inside a manhole and we were right on top of it. A gentleman helped me to lift the manhole lid off my child, and then he fainted."

Hagg's injuries were light, but his daughter, Carolina, was rushed to a hospital in critical condition with a fractured skull and a mangled arm.

The April 9 incident was one of a growing number of urban attacks that have pitched Colombian city dwellers into the center of a deepening civil conflict. Two months after the government abandoned peace talks with Marxist rebels in Colombia's southern jungles, experts say, the guerrillas are bringing their peasant insurgency north to city streets.

The bombs have ripped through nightclubs and restaurants and torn up city streets, killing and maiming dozens of civilians. Almost all the attacks have been blamed on Colombia's oldest and largest rebel group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC.

What's more, military analysts say the violence is likely to escalate in the run-up to May 26 presidential elections as the FARC sends a message of military might to the candidates. Others characterize the rebel terror campaign as a brutal attempt to pressure the state into a new round of negotiations.

But if the FARC's motives remain murky, it is clear that the group's popularity has dipped to new lows.

"What reason can you have for attacking a girl who is 5 years old?" said Hagg, a Swedish jewelry maker who settled in Colombia eight years ago. Doctors expect Carolina to make a full recovery, but her fears linger. She's afraid that a new bomb will kill her father when he's not with her.

"I don't think there is pardon for this," Hagg said.

Even as Hagg was being rushed to the hospital, police deactivated two more bombs made of cooking-gas cylinders just blocks from Bogota's presidential palace.

Two days later, FARC fighters disguised themselves as a bomb squad and kidnapped 12 provincial lawmakers from a legislative assembly in the city of Cali. In what has become common fare for Colombian newscasts, a police guard was shown dragging a bloodied fellow officer from the scene. The injured officer later died from stab wounds.

The Cali kidnappings fit into a scheme of stepped-up political kidnappings. Hoping to swap their high-profile prisoners for jailed field commanders, the rebels are holding independent presidential candidate Ingrid Betancourt, as well as a state governor abducted last weekend as he led a peace march through the countryside.

Earlier in the month, suspected FARC militias also planted a double charge along a strip of nightclubs in Villavicencio, 45 miles southeast of the capital. Police said the first explosion was meant to draw more spectators to the scene before the second bomb blew up. The blasts killed 10 people and injured more than 70.

"Every day, innocent people die," said one woman who was evacuated from an apartment building in Bogota's city center recently when police found an unexploded bomb in a neighbor's patio. She didn't want to be identified because she fears for her life. "What's the use of having a peace process with them (the FARC)? People who have been killing forever won't stop just because you ask them to."

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Colombian President Andres Pastrana abruptly ended a 3-year-old peace process with the FARC in February after the rebels hijacked an airliner and kidnapped a senator who was aboard. The talks had failed to diminish rebel violence in the countryside and were largely seen as a failure.

For Bogota's eccentric philosopher-mayor, Antanas Mockus, the FARC's incursion into urban terrorism comes partly as a reaction to the peace negotiations and their collapse. During those talks, veteran rebel commanders had glimpsed life outside their jungle camps, the mayor said, but they weren't tempted to "come down from the mountain."

"I think they came to the edge and looked over the side and said: 'I don't see myself there. I'm too different compared to what's on offer,' Mockus said. The 17,000-strong guerrilla group recruits most of its fighters among the rural poor and has made repeated demands for agricultural reforms. But the rebels' longstanding involvement in cocaine trafficking and kidnapping has muddied its reputation among average Colombians.

Others say the FARC bombings are a sign of weakness. Flush with hundreds of millions of dollars in U.S. aid, the Colombian army appears to have gained a military advantage against the FARC, while illegal right-wing paramilitary fronts carve into rebel territory. Satellite intelligence also has made the guerrilla group more vulnerable to air attacks.

As a result, experts say, the FARC is operating in smaller units and strengthening ties to urban militia members.

"The FARC want to win their battles without actually fighting them," said a military official who requested anonymity. "Terror attacks are easy to pull off."

Looking to the political implications of the FARC bombings, analysts say the rebels appear bent on creating a chaotic atmosphere ahead of the presidential election. On April 14, a bomb detonated alongside the motorcade of leading independent presidential candidate Alvaro Uribe Velez in the coastal city of Barranquilla. Three people died in the blast, and the candidate's armored vehicle was destroyed.

Uribe, who escaped unharmed, has risen to the top of opinion polls with promises to crack down on FARC intransigence and drastically expand the military's fighting force.

"The goal isn't to interfere with elections; the goal is to make it impossible to have elections," said one analyst who also requested anonymity. Predicting more assassination attempts on Uribe, he added that the rebels "simply want to have as much power as possible, by any means possible."

Until recently, Colombia's civil conflict was restricted largely to territorial disputes over drug crops and trafficking corridors in the lawless countryside. If urbanites also feel that the war is at their doorstep, the theory goes, they are more likely to pressure elected officials into opening a new peace process with the FARC, on rebel terms.

Judging by pre-election polling results, however, the FARC's bombing campaign might backfire. Outrage over the attacks has served as jet fuel for Uribe's campaign: He maintains a huge margin over second-place candidate Horacio Serpa.

Diplomats see signs of North Korean spring

BARBARA DEMICK
LOS ANGELES TIMES

CHEJU CITY, South Korea-Even though he presides over one of the world's most shut-off societies, North Korean leader Kim Jong Il keeps abreast of world affairs by logging on to the Internet. On recent trips to China and Russia, he was an inquisitive sightseer, closely studying the effects of capitalism.

This description of the reclusive 60-year-old comes from diplomats who recently returned from rare trips to Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, made in an effort to coax the regime out of its isolation. They believe that Kim is eager to bring foreign investment and outside influences into his bastion of undiluted communism if it can be done without endangering his hold on power.

"He really wants to open up and reform his economy, but he doesn't know how to do it," said Lim Dong Won, a South Korean presidential envoy who spent five hours closeted with Kim this month.

"Kim Jong Il is emerging as someone who is increasingly aware of the outside world," said Donald P. Gregg, a former U.S. ambassador to South Korea, who met with two North Korean officials in Pyongyang this month. "There are indications that he wants North Korea to rejoin the world."

After months of brooding over President Bush's "axis of evil" designation, North Korea appears to be coming out of its pique if only because it wants to loosen purse strings.

In fact, given that Pyongyang is hardly a popular stop on the diplomatic circuit, the recent visits amount to a veritable flurry of activity. In the weather-report lingo so often applied to Korean relations, this could be called the Pyongyang spring.

Gregg's trip to Pyongyang, although unofficial, marked the first time that a high-ranking American had traveled to the North Korean capital since then-Secretary of State Madeleine Albright visited in October 2000. The visit is expected to pave the way for an official trip by U.S. special envoy Jack Pritchard within the next six to eight weeks.

South Korean President Kim Dae Jung's nearly moribund "sunshine policy" of engagement with North Korea also gained a reprieve with the Pyongyang visit of his special envoy in April. Reunions between separated Korean families are scheduled to resume after over a yearlong hiatus; and North Korea appears to be talking in earnest again about road and rail links to the South.

Other recent visitors to Pyongyang have included Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri, an old friend of Kim Jong Il.

The improvement in North Korea's attitude most likely stems from mercenary motives. Sales of its main export missiles have dried up since Sept. 11 because of heightened concerns about terrorism. Shortages of food and electricity have left the country chronically dependent on foreign donors. The North's agreement to resume talks and family reunions was accompanied by a pledge from South Korea that it will supply 200,000 tons of fertilizer and 300,000 tons of rice.

Cynics, of which there are many, say the North is doing the bare minimum diplomatically to keep the foreign aid flowing.

"They are trying to find a way out without changing the system," said Jean-Jacques Grauhar, who spent seven years as a business consultant in Pyongyang and now runs the European Chamber of Commerce in Seoul. "They are trying to gain time."

Kim, one of the most mysterious world leaders, took over the Democratic People's Republic of Korea after the 1994 death of his father, Kim Il Sung, the nation's founder. Despite Kim Jong Il's reputation in his youth as a capricious playboy, some believe that they have seen in him glimmers of a future Mikhail Gorbachev who, like the former Soviet leader, would reform the system.

Hopes soared after June 2000, when South Korea's Kim made a historic trip to Pyongyang, but there has been little tangible progress.

William J. Perry, a defense secretary and special envoy to North Korea under the Clinton administration, offered the view that Pyongyang is looking to change.

"The North Korean government believes it is in their self-interest to come into the modern world and to do what they need to do to engage South Korea and the United States," Perry said at the same conference. "They are not doing us a favor. It is in their self-interest."

But diplomats believe that none of these efforts will help North Korea if it doesn't address the Bush administration's concerns about missile sales and the suspected development of weapons of mass destruction.

During his visit to Pyongyang, South Korean special envoy Lim carried with him a nine-page handwritten letter from Kim Dae Jung to the North Korean leader warning him that dire consequences could be in store if the North didn't start dealing with the Bush administration.

"It is now time ... to stop clinging to the past and to explore new ways to effectively talk and deal with the current U.S. administration," Lim quoted the letter as saying.

Kevin's Korner

I hope everyone's heard of the large numbers of people who protested Bush's war, particularly his support of Israel, on April 20th. Police estimated about 75,000 demonstrators in Washington, D.C. There were also several held around the country. Whether the mainstream media wants to report it or not, there is a large antiwar, anti-globalization movement spreading across the country.

KEVIN HEATON

Westfield State was recently visited by a group of women from India and Pakistan, who are trying to improve the lives of people in their home countries. They are facing an uphill battle, given the increased military buildup between their countries.

One important issue was nuclear disarmament. Bush is currently working on an extensive Star Wars Missile Defense Program. This is a scary thought given our current state of war. President Bush has already withdrawn from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, which required a 2/3 majority approval in the Senate. For more on how to fight this arms race, go to www.space~peace.orq.

An article in the Washington Post for April 26th cites a rift within the Bush Administration over Mideast policy. Bush has called Sharon "a man of peace". YES, YOU READ THAT RIGHT! Colin Powell deferred referring to him in this way. Mr. Bush is, likely, trying to appease Conservative groups that favor Israel. What about the thousands who support Palestine?

As the year comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone who has read my column. It has been both exciting and challenging writing at such a critical point in history. I'd like to end with some things I would like an answer to:

1. How can Bush claim to be fighting to defend freedom, while he clamps down on some of those same freedoms?

2. If Public Safety wants to ensure student safety, why not allow students to drink, responsibly, on campus? That way, they wouldn't be forced off campus.

3. If the US is the richest country on Earth, why are there so many poor people?

4. Why does Weekend Programming plans events, mostly, on Thursdays and Sundays. More people might stay if there was more to do, during the weekend!

5. Why are teachers and professors paid so little, when they are developing the minds of the next generation?

6. Why do so many people judge others without knowing them first?

7. If we are supposed to have a free press, why does our Government have such control over the mainstream media?

Have a great summer!

Good luck, Class of 2002!

"It is the job of thinking people not to be on the side of the executioners"-Albert Camus

K. Heaton is a Voice columnist

Jed's Little Encore

Hi. My name is Jed. Because I'm a senior I've been given this little space to write sort of a "last hurrah," so I'm going to do my best to write one.

JED DION

For the last four years I've been throwing together the A&E page of the Campus Voice. I sort of got roped into doing it. When I was a Freshman I was bored one day and decided to write a review of a CD I had just bought and loved. I wrote the review and then snuck it up to the Campus Voice office and slipped it under the door. I ran away, but by the time I got back to my little dorm room I received a call from Jonah the Editor in Chief. He encouraged me to write more reviews in the future and that's just what I did.

The last four years the Campus Voice has seen one obscure band review after another. I'm sure all of about six people knew about what I was writing. The way I looked at it was, if I sparked the interest of at least one person then it would be worth it. I tried my best. I wish they gave me a smaller space to write in.

I wish the best of luck to the remaining members of the Campus Voice next year. Even though I whined and complained about putting together the A&E pages each week (Well, Jess did most of it this year) I still look back on my times up in this stuffy office with fondness. Some of my best college memories come from the Campus Voice and the many wonderful people I met here.

I don't believe in name dropping, so I'm just going to say a big fat thank you to everyone who feels as though they deserve one. If you're not sure if you deserve one or not, you probably don't. So I'm all done here. Good luck to all and please bring your damn trays up in the caf. Lazy punks.

J. Dion is the A & E Editor

Mr. Nice Guy

"The saddest thing in life is wasted talent." -Robert De Niro as Lorenzo Anello in the movie 'A Bronx Tale.'

SCOTT TOOMEY

This is it folks. My last column of the year. Aww, dry your eyes. I'll be back for one more year. Don't you worry. I'm sure I'll have plenty of random things to spout off next year too. I'm really looking forward to the summer. It's going to be a lot of working and barhopping. Oh right. I forgot to tell you. I turned 21 about two weeks ago. Much fun indeed. One thing for all of you who will be turning 21 somewhere on the horizon. Done in the voice of 'Comic Book Guy' from 'The Simpsons', "City Limits. Worst bar ever." It's not an altogether horrible place. It just wasn't my scene at all. I went there last week and if I hadn't gone with the people that I went with I would have had a much worse time than I did. I recommend the Courtyard Pub and Whip City Bar and Grill. Good drinks, good people, and good times.

> **There's only hope if after you look at yourself in the mirror, you gain a new respect for the opportunities that you are given.**

Now, back to that quote that I started with. I'm friends with some freshmen here and they tell me a whole bunch of stories of kids in their grade that they know that just drink drink drink all night every night. I'll admit it. When you first get here for your first semester of college life, you think its cool to get blasted and high all the time and not go to class and just sleep and be hung-over and stoned. But just between you and I, it really isn't cool at all. This is why. The lucky few that can actually do this and still make the grade will be welcomed back here next year. But those of you who can't make good grades whilst chugging brews and getting completely high, buh-bye. It was nice to know you. I hope your parent's thank you for wasting their money and you yourself should feel really proud of the fact that you actually had a chance to make something of yourself after high school and you totally blew it. It's not a total loss though. There's still hope. Go into the bathroom and take a long hard look at yourself in the mirror. This is the picture of someone who has wasted his or her talent. The saddest thing in life is definitely wasted talent. Now don't try to tell me that you didn't have any to begin with so what does it matter if I fail out or not. I'm not going to stand for hearing that. You wouldn't have gotten into this place in the first place if you didn't have any talent to begin with. Westfield State College is not an easy school to get into. Our enrollment numbers have increased greatly since I started going here 3 years ago. It's much more difficult to get in now than it was back then.

I said there was still hope for you didn't I? Well, here's the thing. There's only hope if after you look at yourself in the mirror, you gain a new respect for the opportunities that you are given. Maybe your parents will be nice enough to pay for a semester somewhere else where you will get good enough grades to actually get back into good old WSC. If nothing that I have said has reached you at all than go back to the late 80's/early 90's and remember watching 'CBS' Saturday Morning Story Break.' They used to tell us back then during commercials to "Be Cool. Stay in School." Boy oh boy did you ever mess that one up. Oh well, 10 years from now, you're going to wish you had listened to them.

I've been getting really tired a lot lately. I used to think I had mono. It turned out that I was just really bored. "To thine own self be true." - Shakespeare. That man was the original punk. This year, I will bow down to the pure random genius of Mr. Ward and 'The Cut' but next year I promise you that 'Mr. Nice Guy' will come back with a vengeance. So I guess that's it. It's been fun. See you next year. One love. Peace.

Movie Of The Year: 'Spider-Man' Starring: Tobey Maguire and Willem Dafoe. This one just opened this past Friday. I am guaranteeing that it was a cinematic masterpiece.

3 CD's In My Stereo While Writing This Column: 1) The Doors- Greatest Hits 2) Tool- Lateralus 3) Shippy Is A Jobber- 'The Cut' Bites!
HAHAHA!

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The Cut

If you're looking for another boring "end of the year wrapup" column, look elsewhere…I'm going out with The Cut as usual…

CHRIS WARD

"I like any reaction I can get… Just anything to get people to think. I mean if you can get a whole room full of drunk, stoned people to actually wake up and think, you're doing something." – Jim Morrison

It has become apparent that children even as young as 2 or 3 have an amazing memory for detail, and even after they've become adults the memories of those early years can return very clearly. Recently these returning memories have landed a lot of pedophiliacs in jail. Based upon this recent information, I can almost imagine the scramble at NAMBLA to add a chapter about slipping roofies into their victim's sippy-cups… or an article in Modem Deviant magazine warning them "Pedophilia… It ain't just child's play anymore!" (Hey, type "nambla" into your search engine)

I've never been accused of humility, which sounds a lot like "humanity... which I've also never been accused of.

Some people feel we can make a better world through the instant communications of the internet. Others believe that there's an inevitable socialist solution, or that maybe the UN should swallow us all up. I believe that the world's governments will eventually shed pretense to officially merge with multinational corporations, and that populations will become citizen/employees. I believe that there's been one of practically everything else, so why has there been no crackwhore roommate on "The Real World"? I believe that Texas' current practice of executing death row inmates of Mexican descent is taking executions away from decent, hard-working American death row inmates who deserve them! I believe that stirrup stretch pants in "plus" sizes shouldn't be allowed outside where just anyone can see them without fair warning. I'm also surprised, given the context, that more recreational drugs don't come in suppository form.

Okay, I'm watching the Bruins take on Montreal and it has suddenly occurred to me that there are a LOT of mullets in the NHL. Even more than at the Westfield Stop n' Shop. (I wear my K-Swiss, only not.)

Online porn…its to the point where any time I fire up Internet Explorer these days I get a stiffy… this often leads to embarrassment when I use the free internet terminals at the mall (pleated pants are key).

The three most popular BS lines on campus right now are: Guy telling girl: "I only act like that when I'm with my friends." (which means "I have no personality of my own") Girl telling guy : "I don't get along with other girls, that's why most of my friends are guys." (which means "I'm a ho") and anyone telling anyone else "I don't watch a lot of TV." (which means "I like to come off as somehow superior.")

Professor Sossaman, my main source for the bubonic plague bomb issue was a program on TLC. I followed up with educational websites which I took to be politically skewed in neither direction, especially. We probably didn't know until after the war, which you correctly suspected, the breadth and scope of Japan's biological warfare program. That the bomb saved San Diego (even if incidentally) is to my mind, an indisputable (and herein soundbyte reduced) fact of history. Disclaimers suck, too. Space (and my own ignorance) limits exploring more fully the other issues which you raised. Perhaps that cup of coffee?

Today Kelley went to the machine in the apt. laundry room and pressed "Diet Coke." Out came a Sprite. Never one to make the same mistake twice, (my girl's wicked smaaht) she hit the other "Diet Coke" button. Out came a Sprite. The moral here is that some people just weren't meant to handle the awesome responsibility of refilling soda machines. (Relax, that burn means the medicine's working.)

Three CD's in my stereo right now: (insert offbeat, eclectic mix of music here).

We've got one of New England's largest amusement parks fifteen minutes down the road but it's not part of the senior week package. Go figure.

"Humble" is an interesting adjective. Once you say you are, it becomes apparent that you aren't. I've never been accused of humility (which sounds a lot like "humanity"… which I've also never been accused of).

Sing Along with Shippy…(to be read aloud) "You can kick ass, smoke grass, and fail to grasp time pass till it's too late which relates like elected representatives a' socialist states (no debate), but you can still laugh at a fat girl's ass. You can go through, get beyond or go beat your dome on the lawn 'till the hangovers gone but first graduate to the grownup table, be stable, and if the devil's in the consequence of actions past, then fast, make this time last if you're able."

Fair winds and following seas to the graduating men of 2A2, Meeko, Meatball, Steveo, Red, and Squares… Shiprek's got your back forever and a day. You call me I'm there. ID1 what. Okay knock it off I'm gonna get all teary-eyed. Hey Now!

Peace and Balance, Westfield, have a safe and joyful summer.

C. Ward is a Voice columnist

finals stressin' you out?
then listen to WSKB 89.5!

Nose Knows...maybe

Wow...so the last column of the year. It all went by so fast. I can honestly say that this past year has certainly been enlightening and I have truly learned a lot. First off, I would like to say good-bye to all the seniors out there. I would especially like to give a thanks to those seniors that have made me smile, taught me something, and have become my friend. 3A2, you guys rock and have made a huge difference on campus. We will truly miss each and every one of you. To 1D3 and 1D2, it's been fun, and certainly interesting. To Jay Swipes and to B-Boy Dragon, thanks for sticking with it and keeping the crew together, come back and visit. To my co-host and friend Martin...thank you for the memories and for always being there for me. To anyone else...you rock!

KRISTINA MARTINELLI

You know what the best part about being a columnist is? We get the final word in for the most part. Nobody can write a letter-to-the-editor and verbally squish what we have to say. I love it! Here's what I'm going to do...I'm going to complain about some things that truly irritate me and I'm sure irritate others. If you get offended, it probably pertains to you.

I can't stand it when people wear camouflage anything when they aren't in the armed forces. They didn't earn it and I don't think that they should be wearing it, especially the BDU trousers that people make cut-offs out of. Do you even know what BDU stands for? There ya go!

Don't change for the worst and then blame somebody else for it. It is your life and nobody is telling you what to do. Live the life you want and don't take crap from anyone. Don't shut the people out that you know care about you either. If you end up becoming a drug addict, you should start yelling at a mirror. If you end up being worth millions and are happy 24/7, pat yourself on the back.

Friends rock! "Friends" suck If you didn't get what I just said, read it again. You couldn't be happier then when you are with a friend. You only ever have a few at a time, so cherish them while you can. "Friends" will always be around and will probably end up stabbing you in the back. If you're wondering how to tell the difference, I'm not the person to ask. I'm still figuring that part out.

I think that some college students can be the most inconsiderate people ever. Lammer's Hall for example...Do you think that people would clean their dishes after they used them? Or...Do you think that they would let their dishes pile up in the sink so when another person in the section wants to use the sink they can't? If you picked B, then you obviously caught my sarcasm. I have even seen multiple windows broken in different apartment stairwells, and have heard of many vandalisms that have occurred on campus. And the trays in the DC. Enough said. Come on people...You want to be treated like responsible adults, then act like it, FOR PETE'S SAKE!

Enough with the liberalness on campus. I'm sick of it. Gore lost, and it wasn't by scandal either. Get over it! That's all I have to say about that.

If you think you are the real Hardcore, you are wrong. In fact, you are the most two-faced person anyone could imagine. Wanna battle?

To end on a more positive note, sort of...I want to send this out to some of my friends who are going through an especially rough time. Nobody could ever hope to know the pain you are going through. Remember though, that you are surrounded by those that care the most about you. We will dry your tears, make you laugh, and will offer the best bear hug ever when you need one. WE are the ones who won't walk away.

K. Martinelli is a Voice columnist

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Life (according to me).

Well folks, here it is. My very last column. Not being one for fanfare, I'm not really sure how to proceed. I suppose I could go out with one of those classic "name-everyone-I've-ever-met-here-at-WSC-as-well-as-their-mothers-and-maybe-even-their-aunt-because-I-don't-want-to-offend-anyone-(deep breath) -who-was-kind-enough-not-to-kick-me-in-the-teeth-that-one-time-we-passed-each-other-in-the-hall" columns. But that's just not me.

JON SEWELL

Jon's farewell advice thing #1: Read more. No time? Well start with Early Autumn by Robert B. Parker. It's about 200 pages and can be read in a weekend, if not a day. It's brain candy, but really really well written brain candy with a great plot and pmtogonist. Then read the rest of the series.

The thing is, my friends don't need to be named to know that they're important to me. To assume otherwise would be a near insult to many of them. So instead, I'm just gonna give them a general "thanks." Yep...thanks (this would be when we both sorta look around awkwardly, and kinda half nod). Yep (big ol' friendly punch on the shoulder, followed by more vague mumbling and nodding). Uh huh...

Ah, the hell with it (big hug. followed, of course, by another punch on the shoulder and more mumbling and nodding...).

Jon's farewell advice thing #2: Okay, okay, I know I've been shoving this Ryan Adams stuff down your throat for the last couple years, but I swear this is the last time. I recently stumbled onto a GREAT unreleased song called Dear Chicago. Go download it, and you'll thank me. Go!

Thanks should also go out to the vast majority of the professors I've had the pleasure of learning from. Oh, and sorry for all the headaches. I'll tell ya, just inform the state that you've had to put up with me for the past five years, cite specific instances (you know you've all got them), and if there's any justice in the world your well deserved funds ought to come flooding in (oh, by the way, y'know that assignment I was supposed to hand in yesterday? Yeah, well, y'see the damndest thing happened on my way to class...)

Jon's farewell advice thing #3: Go check out realultimatepower.net. It's quite possibly the single funniest thing I've ever seen (especially the movie scripts). Then again, maybe that's just me. Oh well, after you've gotten sick of that one, head on over to theonion.com. I'm sure most of you know how great this one is, but we can use a reminder every now and then.

A big huge thanks to all the many girls I've fallen in love with in my time here. Really. Good fun, that was. Especially when you'd smile at me and I'd leap through the nearest window to escape. Man, that was great. I can't tell you how many half finished songs you've spawned. If I ever become a rock n roll icon, you'll all get a mention in the album's liner notes, I promise. Especially one of you...

Jon's farewell advice thing #4: Don't hold strong opinions about things you don't understand (gotta admit, I lifted that one right from a tee shirt I saw). Hey, I'm guilty of this one at times. We all are. Wanna have opinions about stuff? Good, so do I. Let's then decide to go out and learn about things, instead of falling into line behind any one camp, be it liberal OR conservative. Let's learn to think for ourselves.

Thanks to Res Life for keeping me gainfully (well, sort of) employed for a few years. If all goes according to plan, I'll be seeing you at conferences and whatnot next year. Speaking of that, let me thank anyone who was a resident or Orientation student of mine. As much as I wanted to teach all of you something, you guys taught me so much more.

Jon's farewell advice thing #5: My mom said it best: "the secret to life is learning to love, even if we don't get loved back." Yep. And believe me, you can trust my mom. She's wicked smart. Emerson said it second best: "To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent persons and the affections of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics, and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; To know even one life has breathed easier becouse you have lived; This is to have succeeded."

Finally, thank YOU. Thanks for this chance. It was all kinds of fun, and I'll miss it. But hey, you've got my email right down there, so keep in touch. I'd love to hear from you.

So, yeah. I guess that's it.

Yeah. Well, bye. And God bless...

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A Mile In My Shoes

Just before Friends last Thursday I sat down at my roommate Maggie's computer to search for fitting quotes for my graduation speech. I didn't have anything to do earlier but I waited until 7:50 to go online. I knew I'd have to stop in time for the show (a very good form of procrastination).

MEG CANNING

Writing graduation speeches and farewell columns is a funny thing to do. You don't truly realize you have to until you sit down and make yourself type. Maybe that's why these things are left until the last possible moment. When you force yourself to write you know it's actually happening and it's scary.

It's time to move on.

While freshmen, sophomores and juniors are fretting over registration times and housing assignments, seniors are worrying about getting into graduate school, receiving job offers and possibly finding an apartment. We've all seen past friends go through it. But it never seemed like a big deal because it wasn't us. But now it is.

In the next 12 days (as of 5/6), each of us will experience many "lasts," which is what my roommate, Kelley, refers to them as. Some we will notice while we're doing them. Or some we will realize after we've done them. For example, it's obvious to realize your last class or exam. It's not so easy to know your final trip to the library or the commuter café.

It's strange to think four years have gone by, isn't it? I swear we just graduated high school. But we didn't because it's 2002, not 1998.

When I arrived at Westfield State, I thought I would play varsity soccer and major in Special Education and English. Then I got cut from the soccer team and hated my Ed class. I needed something to take up my time so I decided to run for Class President. I also switched my major to Communication.

At first I wasn't happy at WSC. I missed my friends from home and my boyfriend at Bentley (like relationships freshman year ever last). I missed my family and hated eating café food and doing my laundry. I went for a run with my friend, Jonah, and told him I wanted to transfer to Bridgewater State and commute from home. Obviously, he convinced me to stay.

Now four years later, I can honestly say that choosing and remaining at WSC was the best decision I've ever made. I loved it here. And although many students badmouth Westfield, they don't know what they have in front of them. Miserable students would have been miserable at any school, including Westfield.

Most of the things I've done at WSC I wouldn't change. There are a few words of advice I have for underclassmen. Stay in the dorms at least your freshman and sophomore year. Make tons of friends before choosing five to move into the apartments with. If you like the off-campus idea, stay on campus for at least two years. Sit at the front of the class. You're less easily distracted and the professor thinks you really care. Join at least one club freshman year. A great way to meet people is by joining Student Government, intramural sports, Circle K, WSKB, etc. After you have a life-at-college schedule down, join more. AND a big bonus is that it fills your resume. Try different dishes in the café. They can't all be that bad. Make friends with the dorm and hall maintainers and cafeteria workers. Many of them are very nice people. Meet Barbara Hand. She's the secretary of Student Government and she's the coolest woman on campus.

Switch your major to Communication. I love my department. The professors are the nicest and most informative on campus. Study abroad if your major allows it. It gives you a look at different cultures. You can travel. And come your senior year, you won't be too sick of WSC.

Take classes with the following professors that I've had: Frank Giuliano, Julian Fleron, George Layng, Robert Hayes, Liz Preston, Chris Slaughter, John Paulmann, Nessim Watson, Nina Huntemann, Maddy Cahill, Henry Wefing, Edwin Abar, Brian Zelasko, Mark St. Jean, Michael Konig and Stephen Sossaman. One of the most important things you can do is to keep in close contact with your family and friends from home. Some of them will be your friends for life.

Appreciate the things that are unique to Westfield State. These include black squirrels, Dottie, the Ticket Master, non-existent library hours, the beautiful area of Western Ave., Stanley Park and the cute boys in 1A4 and 1B1.

Westfield State is the perfect place to get an education and learn many lifelong skills. I just want to say "Thank You" to everyone I've come in contact with. It would be impossible to name all the great people I've met in the last four years. A special thanks is needed to my parents, Janet and Joe, my brother, Scott, and my fiancee, Tony, for putting up with me and encouraging me to do my best. Thanks guys, I love you.

"It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters, in the end."
-Ursula LeGuin.

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What You Will

Spring finals time – the absolutely most frustrating time of the year – is once again showing its infectiously absentminded head. As the sun teasingly shines outside, we students are forced to squirm in our desks while professors attempt to put some focus in our minds. Alas, their efforts are in vain.

KRISTIN LOIKO

I've been trying to stay on task. Balancing school with work can, at times, take up all of my free time. I can usually manage, but as summer comes, I am helpless to the call of sunny outside afternoons. This year, with research papers, presentations, and a number of tedious, yet mandatory assignments still left to go, I've sworn to keep school work at the top of my priority list. Well… near the top.

Those who have sat next to me in class know that I tend to make "to Do" lists pretty often. They usually consist of: write this paper, read these chapters, go to the gym, set up that meeting, work at 4:00, deposit check pay bills, etc., along with other little reminders. Now, with the sun offering free tanning instead of the six bucks I have had to pay out every time I seem to be unacceptably pale, my scheduling has all been rearranged to do as much as possible outside. Thank goodness for the laptop!

Yesterday I convinced myself that I could write my paper better if I first spent the day outside. The fresh air would clear my mind and inspire me to write, I told myself. Part of me laughed, knowing that it was all a bunch of bull, but the rest of me quickly silenced that righteous little voice. I put off all my responsibilities as I put on my bathing suit and breathed in the scent of coconut tanning oil. By the time 5:00 rolled around, I knew that it was time to buckle down.

That's when multitasking abilities came into play. I sat up, and forced myself to face all the work ahead of me.

I stood in the kitchen, "beloved" in one hand, pen and paper spread across the counter, doing deep knee bends to make up for missed gym time, while cookies baked away in the oven. My brother, having forgone college for work, just shook his head and muttered comments of insanity under his breath as he came home from work.

As I write this column, I am researching Samuel Johnson while designing a P.R. release, analyzing femininity versus masculinity in George Eliot, and trying to keep my promise of not falling into a bad mood around my boyfriend (Sorry honey, I'm trying!). In the midst of all this, anything and everything that I don't need to waste my time thinking about becomes vitally important to me. As I rushed around getting ready for a full day of classes this morning, I began pondering all of the time my poor parents wasted teaching me how to tie my shoes. One look into my closet reveals four pairs of boots that zip, six pairs of flip-flops, numerous pairs of slide-on sandals, heels that buckle, sneakers that Velcro, clogs, and various other footgear. Of all my shoes, one lone pair of sneakers tie. These sneakers are so worn in that most of the time I leave them double-knotted and simply slip them on and off.

I know I really got off the subject there, but that just proves that my mind has already left for summer vacation! I don't know what I am going to do when I begin summer classes this semester.

To all the students who feel the same way I do: good luck to you! To all of my professors: I am sorry if my desk goes empty these last few days of class. Please don't blame me, it's simply the fault of a major case of spring fever.

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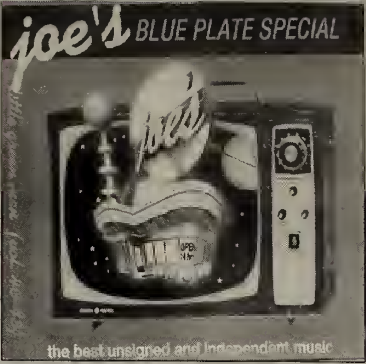
WSKB Weekly Spotlight


joe's BLUE PLATE SPECIAL
the best unsigned and independent music

Joe's Blue Plate Special

Jed Dion
A&E Editor

When you hear the familiar jingle of Joe's Blue Plate Special you know you're in for a real treat. Joe's Blue Plate Special is a syndicated radio show featuring the best of unsigned and independent music.

The show serves to cover vacant shows on the WSKB airwaves. The four disc set is sent out to hundreds of college radio stations every month to help unsigned and independent artists gain exposure.

Each disc is one full hour of interviews and new tracks off of up coming albums. The show is funded by Samsung Electronics Corporation and because of this funding, Joe's Blue Plate Special is sent to stations for free. Also, bands do not pay to appear on Joe's Blue Plate Special. All artists are selected as the best of today's underground talent.

Joe's Blue Plate Special has been helping WSKB fill vacant time slots for the last two years. Each disc has up to four hours of great radio on it, and WSKB has an extensive library with different volumes of the show.

Joe's Blue Plate Special features bands ranging from speed punkers Strung Out to surf guitarist Dick Dale. The show features a wide variety of music styles and casual interviews with members of some of the bands.

"I don't know how Joe does it, the man must have some stamina. Every time I turn on the radio, there he is," WSKB Program Director Jon Sewell said.

Though it's only broken into one hour shows, Joe usually covers up to six hours of radio a day.

Hosted by Joe, the show has become a regular over the WSKB airwaves. As long as there are independent bands working to have their music heard, Joe will be right there to give them the extra push.

So tune into WSKB 89.5 and be on the lookout for exciting things to come next year.

Westfield State College gets "Kicked in the Head"

Jeff Bordin
Special to the Voice

Last Friday, April 26th I had the most excellent of opportunities. I was able to see five truly awesome bands play right here at Westfield State College in the Third World Room for free. It's very rare when there's a campus activity that comes up that I want to go to.

On April 26 Quincy based punk rock band *Kicked in the Head* headlined a show featuring New Bedford's Smackin' Isaiah, and the local bands *No Intention, the Skeptics, Blind Luck Music and Infamous Jake and the Pinstripe Mafia*, and it didn't cost a dime.

WSC students Jed Dion and Ryan Sansom were responsible for this excellent show. Dion is from the band *No Intention* and Sansom is from the *Skeptics*. Both have been playing and organizing shows around the area for some time.

Both *Kicked in the Head* and *Smackin' Isaidh* are fairly large named bands around the area. Both band have toured extensively and are both signed to up and coming punk record labels. *Smackin Isaiah* just released their newest album on Jump Start Records.

The show was awesome. The night kicked off with *Infamous Jake* and their brand of fast ska/punk. The band reminded me of how fun ska music really is. The band members looked very young, but they were old enough to rock.

Infamaus Jake was followed by Vermont's finest (no, not Phish) *Blind Luck Music* who played a very tight set of rock/punk/indie stuff. They played really intense songs and later mentioned that they would be recording soon. The band just came off a mini tour with ska band the *Spitvalves* and were all sporting Spitvalves t-shirts.

The Skeptics kicked off their set with a brand new song chock-full of energy. They were able to hold this energy for their entire set and made a new fan out of me. Like the other bands, this band played fast punk.

The next band up was local favorites No Intention. The band brought its usual arsenal of humor and wicked fast paced songs straight to the ears of the excited crowd. No Intention get better every time I see them. Even though their second guitar player was absent from the line-up, No Intention still rocked.

Smackin' Isaiah followed No Intention and did a wonderful job keeping the intensity alive. The band blew through mostly new material from their newest full length and an EP they released as a farewell to their old label Tank Records. I have always enjoyed Smackin' Isaiah and felt that their brand of loud punk fit it great.

Kicked in the Head played last to a crowd about half the size of what it had been. It didn't phase the band as they played all the best songs off their latest album "Thick as Thieves." They truly rocked and I pity anyone who didn't jump at the chance to see this incredible band play for free.

-File Photo

Kicked in the Head rocking out.

Kicked in the Head went on to play the Webster Theatre two days later on the 28th for a whoppin' eleven dollars.

April 26th was one of those rare treats that come along. I asked Dion why he decided to do a free concert and he said, "Well, every spring I'm usually busy doing papers and projects, this spring I just felt like doing a concert instead."

With the help of Ryan, the two were able to contact the bands, rent the room and treat WSC students and the public to a kick ass show. Who says there's never anything to do on campus?

WSC Dance Club entertains crowd with amazing moves

By Liz Lafond
Voice Reporter

Did you know that girl could dance?

And her too? Wow…

The Westfield State College Dance Club astonished the campus community with a show entitled, "A Time to Dance," on Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28, in Dever Auditorium.

A total of 26 members make up the WSC Dance Club, which has grown three times in size over the past two years. Their show entertained students and family for an hour and a half with great tunes and amazing moves.

"The best part of our dance club is the devotion and dedication to dancing," said Emily Higgins, a junior.

"I was surprised at how many first year girls were committed to the Dance Club. Some first timers were even seniors!," said sophomore Kristen Carlson.

"I think the girls put a lot of time and effort into the dance show and it came out awesome," said junior Jennifer Prior.

"They were very energetic and professional. I really like the 'play' number Emily Higgins did and the duet of 'Higher Ground.' The finale was also great!," Prior said.

The dances consisted of tap, jazz, ballet, toe and modern. Modern is basically freestyle dancing. Dancers can tell a story through this type of dance. It isn't just choreographed dancing.

You can act as well. Jazz is definitely a more up beat type of dancing, which is mostly choreographed to faster songs, according to Higgins.

In between performances, Brooke Popielarz, Director of the WSC Dance Club, explained her role and the role of the Dance Club.

"The most wonderful part of the club is that we are all so different in our talent and we learned from each other," Popielarz said.

Amy Szlahetza, WSC Dance Club Advisor, also spoke about how proud she is of the club and presented a surprise plaque for the club's hard work and dedication.

Another entertainer, Nate Blais, performed his acoustic guitar and song comedy skit of "Oops I Did It Again," by Britney Spears.

"Nate's performance was quite humorous. It was a surprising performance and I really liked it!," said junior Amy Duggan.

Emily Tampone spoke about the fundraising efforts the club holds every year. This year the club did a candy drive and bake sale. Next year they hope to contribute to a charity.

Emily Higgins also said the club does their own choreography. "What we usually do is choreograph one dance that we use for performances during the entire fall semester and we concentrate on our show for the second semester," Higgins said.

"Working this year was great because we got along and we know how to make dancing fun," Higgins said.

The Dance Club also performs around campus voluntarily. They performed during the Fall Festival, the Westfield Boys and Girls Club, the Unity Affair and also the Health Fair during the WSC's Week Celebrating Women.

The members said they had a great year and can't wait to start over in the fall of 2002.

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-File Photo

"Happy Today," starring Leslie Cheung and Tony Leung.

Facing noir like a bearing brute

By Amy Geeleher
Voice Reporter

I love films that can radically challenge the preconceived notions of its genre and make it succumb like a bitch to its story no matter the cultural mandates.

When I mean story, I mean every facet of the story telling device inclusive of lighting, cinematography that is reflective of the tone, terrific talent and a great full-throttled dialogue that moves.

"Happy Together" (A) is so freakin' beautiful; good use of American good-ole days songs tied with Latin American beats while spoken through Cantonese.

This brilliant work by Hong Kong's Wong Kar-Wai provides an exquisitely profound environment through the complex layers of a gay relationship absconded from Taiwan to Buenos Aires.

This movie screams noir in the most stringent possible frame works established back in the thirties to fifties of US/Euro cinema. It's brilliant because of this.

Art is a morph of communication borrowed from cultures beyond time and boundaries. Does this mean that the Matrix constitutes as American Kung Fu?

Visually, the contrast between the harsh darks and bleached lights is impeccably reminiscent of Casablanca or Touch of Evil, while this parallels a frightening dualist division between Fai (the gorgeous Tony Leung) and his abusive lover, Wo-Ping (the gorgeous Chang Chen).

In any good noir, dichotomy is essential to the visual story (lots of black and white, not much gray) that unfolds in response to the literal counterpart.

It's like Buddhism for dummies but more expensive. With duality comes the theme of "starting over," where the characters are birthed anew from under Shiva's foot or get crushed in the destruction.

Kar-Wai dissects the movie perfectly into bite-sized portions of cognitive dissonance to press into you this theme of rebirth and the tragedy that is its precursor. Brilliant!

These characters are so undeniably breathtaking as proletariats who can't get enough nicotine or money or gratification to sate an empty hunger.

As Fai rinses the flee-bites from Wo-Ping's damaged body, he orders Fai to cook some food for him or begs for cigarettes or money. There is definitely a Jughead/Archie archetypal going on here.

Initially, we meet both lovers naked in a bed in Taiwan. Wo-Ping offers the perfect foreshadow and succinct descriptive of who these men are and what they present to each other. They are headed for Argentina to see the Fails and somehow get misplaced from each other.

Wo-Ping tries his hand at prostituting in Buenos Aires (how tragic is that?) then gets saved by an irate drunken Fai who takes care of him and loves him despite all the bullying.

Fai can't get away from Wo-Ping even when he wants to. Their love is like Romeo and Juliet's if they had decided not to commit suicide.

Another element of the classic noir is that the dialogue must be sparse and important in the likeness of our friend Beethoven; every word must have meaning and never submit to gratuity. This movie says so much. This is a love story that decimates the characters into sobbing beautiful fools.

It is because words make no sense on this primordial level. You need to see the dark cloak as a miserable man scrunched up like a fetus.

These are the moments when the light shivers back into the sun's eclipsed shadow. And I thank Mr. Kar-Wai for capturing this pain so breathtakingly under three hours.

"Company" brings delight to all

By Laura Gibson
Voice Reporter

On Saturday April 20, 2002, I had the pleasure of seeing The Musical Theatre Guild's Spring Musical "Company." I'd have to say that this musical was one of my favorites put on by MTG.

It was a great comedy about one man named Robert (a single male), played by Daniel Cassidy and his friends who were all married. The musical takes place in New York City in 1995 with it being Robert's 35th birthday.

Robert is a 35 year old male who's friends (five separate couples) are married. Throughout the musical, Robert is still unsure about marriage and if he wants to settle down.

At the end, when he blows out the candles for his birthday, I believe that it was then when he knew how he felt about himself and marriage. He had dated several women, including Marta played by Tracy Lynn Cattanach, Kathy played by Jade Bennett, and April played by Nicole Provencal.

I especially enjoyed the character April. Her character was quite humorous, with her high pitched annoying voice and personality. She was a bit on the ditzy side.

I really feel that Nicole Provencal played this part extremely well. I'd also have to say that I did enjoy the long make-out scene and then boom, April has something to say out of the blue.

The five different couples were Sarah and Harry, played by Meg Turcotte and Brett Ouimette, Susan and Peter, played by Katie Marshall and James Sullivan, Jenny and David played by Danielle Auder and Chris Holl, Amy and Paul played by Jen Hines and Jonathan Plouffe, and Joanne and Larry played by Kendra Kachadoorian and Steve Camara.

I liked the first scene with Sarah and Harry at their apartment. Robert has come over to visit and these two are playing a game "let's see who can take who down." This couple was very cute and flirtatious. This scene was quite amusing as each person tried to out do the other in wrestling.

I also liked the couple Amy and Paul. The two of them are about to get married and Paul is ready, while Amy is having doubts as she is getting dressed. They end up being late.

The use of singing the words in conversation were done well. It went back and forth simultaneously from Paul expressing his feelings to Amy expressing hers.

The company/group numbers were great. The singing and harmonizing was very pretty to listen to. Everything was choreographed very well. Things just seemed to flow smoothly from one scene to the next. The Pit did a great job in accompanying and supporting the Cast.

The Set was nicely arranged and I liked the backdrop of New York City. I have to congratulate the director, Carrie Marie Janik. You did an awesome job.

Unfortunately I am graduating and will be missing any following productions put on by MTG, but I must say that I have enjoyed the ones I have seen.

"Deirdre" a tragic love story

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

Megan Carmichael & James Sullivan played the roles of Deirdre andNaisi, the ill fated lovers.

By Leia Georgeopolus
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State College Theatre Program presented the play "Deirdre" this past week. The play was performed May 1-4 in the Ely Studio Theater.

Megan Carmichael starred as Deirdre, with James Sullivan as Naisi, her ill-fated lover.

Joan Mento, an English Professor here at WSC, wrote and directed the play. She took a few different versions of the original story and made it into a play. Mento did keep the original plot line intact.

The story of Deirdre takes place in first century Ireland in a town called Emain Macha, on the shores of Alba, Scotland. Throughout the play, there are storytellers narrating the scenes to keep the audience involved in what is going on.

The play tells the story of a girl named Deirdre. Also included are Fate Spinners, three women who at times are invisible to humans and other times can take mortal form. The Fate Spinners prophesized that Deirdre would bring destruction and death to the city of Emain Macha.

When the townspeople want her killed, the King will not let that happen. He decides to raise her to be his Queen. He sends her away to live in the forest, where no one else can see her until her eighteenth birthday, when she can be his bride. The only person allowed to see Deirdre is her foster mother, Lavarcham.

Deirdre, however, is destined to fall in love with one of the king's warriors, Naisi. They run away together to Alba, Scotland, where they live together for seven years. The king wants her back though, and devises a plan to get her to come home.

He sends an offering of peace through his stepfather Fergus, a man Naisi trusts over no other. The king has devised a plan to kill Naisi so he can get Deirdre back.

He sets a trap for Naisi and ultimately Naisi gets killed in a battle. When Deirdre sees what has happened to her one true love, instead of giving in to the king, she kills herself to avoid her fate. The story ends there.

Megan Carmichael and James Sullivan did a wonderful job playing the ill-fated lovers. They were both excellent in their roles. Diana Lavalle, Angela Scarfe and Jessica Leibovitz did great as the very creepy Fate Spinners.

The supporting cast was also very good. They kept the audience involved in the story the whole time. There was also original music by Christopher Slaughter and Nancy Murphy. The music went very well with the story. I definitely enjoyed the play.

Westfield State Captures Smith Cup

By Mickey Curtis

WESTFIELD - The highly coveted Smith Cup trophy - emblematic of the top program in the Massachusetts State Athletics Conference - is Westfield State College's for the 2001-2002 academic year.

In one of the closest competitions in 30 years, Westfield State College edged Bridgewater State by a half of a point to give the Owls their first outright Smith Cup championship since 1978. Westfield and Bridgewater shared the Smith Cup in 1998.

"This is a great accomplishment for Westfield State College," said athletics director Ken Magarian. "The athletes and coaching staff are to be commended for their hard work throughout the year, but the Smith Cup belongs to the entire college community. We share this trophy with everybody. Athletics didn't win this championship, the entire college did."

The Owls finished with 32.5 points and were closely followed by Bridgewater State (32) and Worcester State (27). Last year Bridgewater won or shared its fifth Smith Cup crown in seven years by edging Westfield, 35-32.

The Smith Cup signifies athletics excellence in the eight-team conference, and is awarded to the MASCAC institution that compiles the most points based on the placement of each of its men's and women's programs competing in the 14 league championships. Six points are awarded for first place, four for second place, and two for third place in round robin team competitions. In the single-day championship competitions (cross country, track and field) three points are awarded for first place, two for second, and one for third.

Westfield State earned points in 11 of the 13 championships in which it competes. The Owls won three outright championships (football, men's track and field, and women's track and field) and shared the field hockey title with Worcester and Bridgewater.

The Owls picked up six big points in football, as they posted the first undefeated regular season in the program's 20-year history.

The race for the Smith Cup crown finished in dramatic fashion as the men's and women's track and field teams both defended their conference championships. The women's track and field team nipped Bridgewater by 12 points, 204-192, led by an outstanding individual performance from Abbey Laffond. Laffond placed first in all four throwing events, including the discus competition, which was the final event.

The softball team earned a key point by tying for third place. And though the Westfield baseball team did not finish in the top three, it defeated Bridgewater during the regular season to take a point away from the Bears.

Placing second for the Owls were men's soccer, women's volleyball, men's cross country, women's cross country, and women's basketball. The men's basketball team tied for third.

Magarian noted that women's swimming and diving is not a conference sport, but Westfield did defeat Bridgewater State and Salem State in dual meets. Furthermore, Magarian stated that the Westfield cheering competition squad is the finest in the conference, and the football and basketball cheerleading teams have made significant contributions.

"The athletes and coaches take a lot of pride in winning the Smith Cup," said Magarian. "Since 1998 it's been one of their major goals each year."

This is Westfield State's sixth Smith Cup crown. The Owls won the Cup four times during the 1970s.

Magarian also is proud that Westfield State athletes have been able to excel in the classroom as well.

At the conclusion of the fall semester, 37 percent of the student-athletes had cumulative grade point averages of 3.0 or better, and 43 percent of the student-athletes (130 of 305) earned a 3.0 or better semester grade point average.

"To also do well in the classroom makes winning the Smith Cup that much more meaningful," said Magarian. "We owe a lot of of the Smith Cup to all our great faculty and administrators who work with our student-athletes every day. It is seldom for an institution to be the very best academically and athletically at the same time. This year Westfield State College is truly the best of the best on the field and in the classroom."

The Smith Cup

Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference
2001-2002 Howard C. Smith Cup Final Standings

Place	College	Points	Possible Points	Percentage
1.	Westfield State	32.5	66	.492
2.	Bridgewater State	32	66	.485
3.	Worcester State	27	72	.375
4.	Mass. College	12	48	.250
5.	Salem State	16	66	.242
6.	Fitchburg State	15.5	72	.215
7.	Framingham State	9	66	.136
8.	Mass. Maritime	0	36	.000

OPEN GYM HOURS

Parenzo Open Gym Hours:

Sunday - 12 pm - 12 am
Mon-Thurs - 6 pm - 1 am
Friday - 6 pm - 10 pm
Saturday - 12 pm - 6 pm

Juniper Park Open Gym Hours:

Mon - Thurs - 6 pm - 10 pm

Congratulations to
Softball Champs
Men's highly skilled:
SPEAR BRITNEY
Men's skilled:
HIGH ROLLERS
Coed:
HOUSE OF PAIN

The Intramurals Department would like to thank everybody who participated for a great year.

Owls Defend Conference Track, Field Titles

Laffond Leads Close Win

WESTFIELD - An outstanding individual performance by sophomore thrower Abbey Laffond led the Westfield State College women's track and field team to its fifth straight Mass. State Conference championship on Saturday, April 27.

Laffond placed first in all four throwing events to lead the Owls to a close victory over Bridgewater State. Westfield finished with 204 points, followed by Bridgewater (192), Salem (81), Fitchburg (79), and Worcester (19).

The team championship also clinched the Smith Cup title for Westfield State, its first outright Smith Cup crown in 24 years (see related story).

"Abbey did a super job for us, but we also had a lot of key performances from some other people, like Jen Howard and Jess Silva," said coach Sean O'Brien, who worked overtime himself with the pre-meet entries in each event.

Laffond won the shot put with a meet-record heave of 40-3 and also finished first in the javelin (117-0), hammer throw (129-5), and discus (113-0). In addition, she also ran a leg on the second place 4 x 100 relay.

Sophomore sprinter/jumper Jess Silva also had a busy day. Silva competed in six events, including first places in the long jump and 400 meter dash. She finished second in the 200, third in the 100, and ran on the 4 x 100 relay that finished second.

"It was a long day for a lot of us but it was worth it," said Silva. "We doubled and tripled up in a lot of events and came together as a team."

Freshman Jen Howard claimed the conference crown in the triple jump. She also finished second in the high jump, fourth in the long jump and 400 hurdles, sixth in the 100 hurdles, and ran on the runner-up relay squads.

Other second places were recorded by: Vicki Hood (javelin), Alyssa Reid (10,000), Catie Geldert (5,000), and Sara Coons (1500 and 3000).

Women's Track, Field Results

WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: Westfield 204; Bridgewater 192; Salem 81; Fitchburg 79; Worcester 19.

FIRST: Abbey Laffond, javelin, 117-0; Abbey Laffond, hammer throw, 129-5; Abbey Laffond, discus, 113-0; Abbey Laffond, shot put, 40-3 1/4; Jess Silva, long jump, 14-10 1/2; Jen Howard, triple jump, 30-2; Jess Silva, 400, 1:00.57.
SECOND: Vicki Hood, javelin, 113-0; Jen Howard, high jump, 5-0; Alyssa Reid, 10,000, 49:20.01; Catie Geldert, 5,000, 20:17.53; 4 x 100 relay, 54.41; Sara Coons, 1500, 5:19.97; Jess Silva, 200, 28.01; 4 x 400 relay, 4:31.65; Sara Coons, 3000, 11:59.77.
THIRD: Jess Silva, 100, 14.77; Aimee Worcester, 1500, 5:20.3; Christine Byma, 3000, 12:07.87.
FOURTH: Jen Howard, long jump, 13-8 1/4, Laureen D'Amato, triple jump, 27-4 3/4; Sue Lynch, high jump, 4-6; KellyRose O'Brien, 400, 1:03.88; Aimee Worcester, 800, 2.41.2; Jen Howard, 400 hurdles, 1:16 86; Laura Hurley, 3000, 12:30.17.
FIFTH: Nicole Spataro, discus, 76-9; Vicki Hood, shot put, 30-3; Laureen D'Amato, 100, 15 52, Catie Geldert, 1500, 5'41.09, Andrea Sawler, 800, 2'42 38
SIXTH. Vicki Hood, discus, 76-6; Erin Coburn, shot put, 28-1 1/2; Jill Stone, long jump, 11-0; Jen Howard, 100 hurdles, 19 88, KellyRose O'Brien, 200, 29 0

FOUR-TIME CHAMP: Sophomore Abbey Laffond set a conference record in the shot put. She also placed first in the discus, hammer throw, and javelin to lead the Owls to a close victory over Bridgewater State.
Photo By Mickey Curtis

Softball Is In Tournament

FRAMINGHAM - The Westfield State softball team gained a doubleheader split with Framingham State with a convincing 12-0 second-game victory in key conference action.

The Owls, who dropped the first game, 4-3, are 19-15-1 overall and finished tied for third in the Mass. State Conference with an 8-6 record. The Owls are seeded third in the four-team, double elimination conference tournament.

In the opener, the Owls tied the score with a three-run uprising in the top of the fifth; the big blow was a three-run double by Michelle Prall. But Framingham scored the game-winning run on a sixth-inning sacrifice fly.

Framingham freshman Jen Mazzone tossed a four-hitter to win the first game, and she also got the starting nod for game two with both teams holding 7-6 conference records and a playoff berth at stake. But the Owls battered Mazzone in the nightcap for 17 hits with each starter hitting safely.

The Owls scored a run in the first, four in the second and seven in the sixth and final frame.

Sarah Kalagher was 2 for 4 with three RBI and junior catcher Tasha Goulet was 2 for 3 with two doubles and two RBI. Freshman shortstop Amanda Fregeau was 2 for 4 with two RBI.

Baseball Swept In Finale

FRAMINGHAM - The Westfield State baseball team was swept by Framingham State, 8-1 and 5-3, in key conference action on Saturday, April 27.

Westfield finishes its season with an 11-22 overall record and a 6-8 mark in the Mass. State Conference. A victory over Framingham State would have qualified the Owls for the conference's postseason tournament. Framingham qualified for the fourth and final berth with a 7-7 record.

The Owls, who had split their six previous conference doubleheaders, led 1-0 in the nightcap as pitcher Corey Scafidi had a one-hitter through five innings. But Framingham collected five hits in its decisive five-run sixth inning, including three bloop singles, a double, and a misplayed hit that went for a triple.

Westfield mounted a mini rally in its final at bat, scoring twice. Mike Carney and Matt Larabee were both 2 for 3.

In the opener, the Owls only collected four hits, including an RBI double by freshman first baseman Brett Ford.

Baseball, Softball All Conference

Baseball First Team
Ray McPeck - Catcher

Baseball Second Team
Shaun Geary - Third Base
Corey Scafidi - Outfield

Softball First Team
Kate Pomerleau - First Base

Softball Second Team
Sarah Kalagher - Pitcher
Tasha Goulet - Catcher
Meghan Perreault - Second Base
B.J. Dion - Outfielder

Co-Coach of Year
Lou Ann Simchak

Men Dominate MASCAC, New England Alliance

WESTFIELD - With a large number of alumni in attendance, the Westfield State College men's track and field team had plenty of incentive by capturing its sixth straight Mass. State Conference championship with another dominating performance.

The Owls racked up 308 points to easily outdistance second place Bridgewater State (128 points) in claiming their 26th MASCAC crown in 31 years. In addition, Westfield won its fifth straight New England Alliance championship, which was held in conjunction with the MASCAC meet.

"Sometimes I'm concerned the guys are going to let up and just go through the motions because they're overconfident," said head coach Sean O'Brien. "But there is no way that is going to happen when so many track alumni show up. There is too much pride at stake and they want to impress them (alumni)."

Westfield's depth again was evident as it won 13 of the 20 events, with Ryan Fregeau the only individual double winner. The junior sprinter from Athol claimed crowns in the 100 (11.29) and the 200 (22.58). Fregeau also ran a leg on the championship 4 x 100 (42.87) and 4 x 400 (3:24.88) relay squads that set records in the Alliance meet.

"Ryan looked good out there; he seems to be peaking at the right time," said O'Brien.

Other members of the record-setting relay were David Eaton of East Bridgewater, Greg Aucoin of Brimfield (Tantasqua Regional) and Chris Hume (Orange) in the 4 x 400, and Aucoin, Mat LeMaire and Eaton in the 4 x 100.

The Owls also dominated the throwing events, led by freshman Peter King of Athol, who won the discus and finished second in the hammer throw and shot put. Senior Vinny Ferrechia of Marlboro won the javelin and junior Tom Gilbert of Amherst took first in the shot put.

Other firsts were recorded by Josh Lewbel (long jump), Chris Allie of Chicopee (triple jump), Geoff Churchill (steeplechase), LeMaire (110 high hurdles), Tom Bousquet of Chicopee (1500), and Eaton (400).

Placing second in two events were Marco Iannello (800, steeplechase) and Aucoin (100, 200).

New England Alliance Men's Results

New England Alliance Outdoor Track and Field Championships
April 27, 2002 - at Westfield State

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: Westfield 172; Eastern Connecticut 115; Keene State 108; Bridgewater 72.5; Southern Maine 51; Mass Dartmouth 25.5; Worcester 25; Rhode Island College 18; Salem State 18; Fitchburg 15.

FIRST: Vinny Ferrecchia, javelin, 178-8; 4 x 100 relay, 42.87; David Eaton, 400, 51.06; Ryan Fregeau, 100, 11.29; Ryan Fregeau, 200, 22.58; 4 x 400 relay, 3:24.88; Mat LeMaire, 110 hurdles, 15.55.
SECOND: Tom Gilbert, shot put, 43-5 1/4; Josh Lewbel, long jump, 19-10 3/4; Chris Allie, triple jump, 40-10 1/2; Mat LeMaire, 110 hurdles, 15.55; Ryan Fregeau, 100, 11.29; Chris Hume, 400 hurdles, 55.7.
THIRD: Greg Haskel, javelin, 163-8; Peter King, discus, 138-1; Peter King, shot put, 42-8 1/4; Chris Allie, long jump, 19-9; Greg Aucoin, 100, 11.6; Greg Aucoin, 200, 23.12.
FOURTH: Peter King, hammer, 129-9; Stanley Pau, shot put, 41-8 3/4; Geoff Churchill, 3000 steeplechase, 10:03.8; Chris Hume, 110 hurdles, 16.14; Tom Bousquet, 1500, 4:08.04; Tom Bousquet, 5000, 16:02.02.
SIXTH: Scott Umbrianna, discus, 122-4; Andy Barron, 10,000, 35:33.31; Marco Iannello, 3000 steeplechase, 10:29.9.

New England Alliance Women's Results

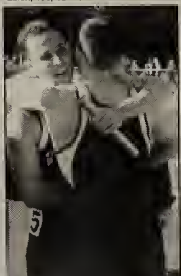
New England Alliance Outdoor Track and Field Championships
April 27, 2002 - at Westfield State

WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: Southern Maine 191; Keene State 148; Bridgewater State 72; Westfield State 70; Rhode Island College 49; Salem State 32; Eastern Connecticut State 29; Mass Dartmouth 21; Fitchburg State 8.

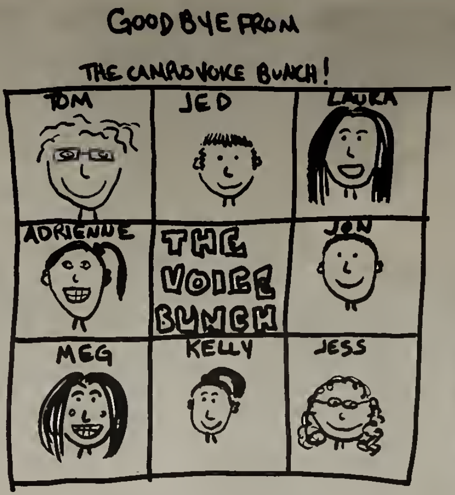
FIRST: Abbey Laffond, shot put, 40-3 1/4.
SECOND: Abbey Laffond, discus, 113-0; Jen Howard, high jump, 5-0; Jess Silva, 400, 1:00.57.
THIRD: Abbey Laffond, javelin, 117-0.
FOURTH: Vicki Hood, javelin, 113-0; Jess Silva, long jump, 14-10 1/2; Catie Geldert, 5000, 20:17.53; 4 x 100 relay, 54.41; 4 x 400 relay, 4:31.65.
FIFTH. Abbey Laffond, hammer throw, 129-5; Jen Howard, triple jump, 30-2.
SIXTH: Alyssa Reid, 10,000, 49:20.1; Jess Silva, 200, 28.01.

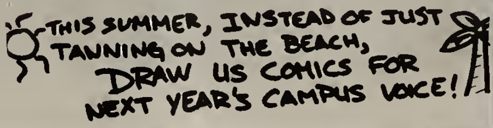
Mass. State Conference Championship Men's Results

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: Westfield 308; Bridgewater 128; Fitchburg 60; Worcester 54, Salem 51.
FIRST: Vinny Ferrecchia, javelin, 178-8; Peter King, discus, 138-1, Tom Gilbert, shot put, 43-5 1/4; Josh Lewbel, long jump, 19-10 3/4; Chris Allie, triple jump, 40-10 1/2; 4 x 100 relay, 42.87; Geoff Churchill, 3000 steeplechase, 10.03 8; Mat LeMaire, 110 hurdles, 15.55; Ryan Fregeau, 100, 11.29; Tom Bousquet, 1500, 4:08.04; David Eaton, 400, 51.06, Ryan Fregeau, 200, 22.58; 4 x 400 relay, 3:24.88.
SECOND: Peter King, hammer throw, 129-9; Scott Umbrianna, discus, 122-4; Nik Wlodyka, pole vault, 10-0; Peter King, shot put, 42-8 1/4; Chris Allie, long jump, 19-9; Andy Barron, 10,000, 35:33.31; Marco Iannello, 3000 steeplechase, 10:29.9; Greg Aucoin, 100, 11.6, Marco Iannello, 800, 2:01.06; Chris Hume, 400 Hurdles, 55.7; Greg Aucoin, 200, 23.12, Tom Bousquet, 5000, 16:02.02.
THIRD. Greg Haskell, javelin, 163-8; Stanley Pau, discus, 117-9; Stanley Pau, shot put, 41-8 3/4; Mat LeMaire, high jump, 5-10; Stephen Cole, 3000 steeplechase, 10:47.3; Chris Hume, 110 hurdles, 16.14; Nick Burke, 1500, 4:13.49; Mat LeMaire, 400 Hurdles, 59.07.
FOURTH: Chris Gonynor, javelin, 138-5; Stanley Pau, hammer, 123-4; Patrick Swett, pole vault, 9-6; Jim Foley, high jump, 5-10; Geoff Churchill, 1500, 4:17.68; David Eaton, 200, 23.53.
FIFTH: Tom Gilbert, hammer, 122-2; Eric Gonynor, discus, 109-6; Josh Lewbel, triple jump, 37-9 1/2; Bryon Baily, 5000, 18:02.93.
SIXTH: Tom Gilbert, discus, 109-1; David Eaton, 100, 13.46.



Chris Hume, holding baton, is congratulated by David Eaton after Westfield set an Alliance meet record in the 4 X 400 relay. The Owls also set a meet record in the 4 X 100.
Photo By Mickey Curtis




THIS SUMMER, INSTEAD OF JUST TANNING ON THE BEACH, DRAW US COMICS FOR NEXT YEAR'S CAMPUS VOICE!

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
1 Gap
6 Palindromic name
9 "Platoon" actor
14 Christmas song
15 Whitney's invention
16 One-celled animal
17 Operating at full potential
19 Whirlybird blade
20 — out: rescue
21 Naval rank: abbr
22 Prepare to propose?
23 Pub orders
24 Fruit drink
25 Limb
26 Native of Florence
28 "— Roy"
31 Subject
35 — blue
36 Bus route
37 Rich
40 Heart
42 Magazine stand
43 Ancient
45 — lily
46 North Woods animal
47 Attribute
50 Not rainy
51 Exist
52 Truck fronts
56 Eye's nerve
59 Pro and —
60 Writer Wiesel
61 Sponge off of
62 Molded dessert
64 Jockey — Cordero Jr
65 — Baba
66 Pointed (a gun)
67 All set
68 Pouch
69 Fame

DOWN
1 Diver's gear
2 Referring to the Pope
3 Bandleader Shaw
4 Chills
5 Chicago Loop trains
6 Schedule
7 Certain engines
8 Plus
9 Obscure
10 In the midst of
11 Celebration
12 Wind instrument
13 Actor James — Jones
18 Fuel material
25 Sets down
26 Hard water
27 Tina Turner's ex
28 Wedding band
29 A single time
30 Tavern fare
31 Ripped
32 Gemstone
33 Ice hockey disk
34 Kind
36 Garland of flowers
38 Inquisitive
39 R.N.'s specialty
41 Sault — Marie
44 Movie vampire
47 Flirtatiously
48 Wry
49 Stoop
50 Chopped fine
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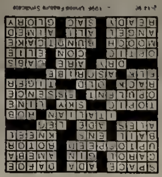

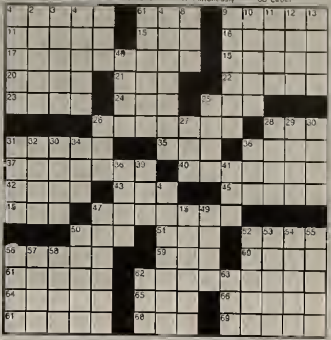

Personals

I've got $5 on Bunmi and Andrea.

Neil Diamond rocks my world!

Dup did her.

Whipple Snittle Cheesecake!

Daaaamn girl!! I ain't never seen...

I'm going to miss you Shannon! Love, Graci.

Hey Rach, Great call you bubblehead.

To the hottie, We will miss you when you are gone! Love, the Hot Sexy 6.

New guy, The tough guy attitude has got to go.

Poopoo for two...perhaps three?

Ya chaf.

I'm Angie's secret admireror! ***HUGS***

Hey Dup, which way to the Duck Pond?

Stay away from Blonch, he's bad luck.

Ant eater and P.D., what more could you ask for?

Go Dane Team! You girls are awesome, I love you all!

Hot sex! Hot sex! Love, Humpi Jones.

DRAMA Girls DRAMA!!

Threesomes are the way to go these days. -JEC

Tikki-Bum-Bum.

Sticks and stones will break my bones, but those twin sticks will never hurt me!

Who were the twigs that got their asses kicked at Blanford?

MB-Comp hero to intramural zero.

I love you Tom A.

Dirty Dozen- It has been great playing for you. Good Luck. MAC

Russ loves George McFlobin!

Woo Wee! Pool time at Duke's house this summer!

I'm gonna miss Wednesday nights!

Laura we will miss you! Thanks for making these past years so much fun. Good luck in the Future! -Us

Jon thanks for making this year so much fun. You rock! Never give up on your dreams - Us

Meg you are one of the funniest people we know! Keep on causing trouble. - Us

Jed keep on rocking (and come back next year to do DJ of the week)! -Us

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

USEFUL INFORMATION

JUST THE PLAIN FAX

AS SGT. JOE FRIDAY USED TO SAY– "JUST THE PLAIN FAX MA'AM." A PUBLIC FAX MACHINE HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN THE ELY CAMPUS CENTER MAIN LOUNGE. INSTRUCTIONS ARE EASY TO FOLLOW. PRICES ARE OUTLINED FOR EACH USAGE.

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Check out Springfield Symphony Orchestra schedule at the Campus Center Service Window. Student vouchers for $6

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Wellness Center
Mon-Wed 7a-10p Thur 7a-9p Fri 7a-7p
Sat 1p-6p Sunday 4p-9p
x5500 pool info

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Mon-Thur 8a-11p;
Fri 8a-5pm
Sat 1pm-6pm;
Sun 1pm-9pm

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For Hours of Operation

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Mon-Fri 8a-11p
Sat 12p-11p Sun 1p-11p

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WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events

Mon 5/6	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Domestic Disturbance"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Man Who Wasn't There"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Tue 5/7	7:30 p.m.	Wind Symphony Concert	Dever Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Serendipity"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "13 Ghosts"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Wed 5/8		LAST DAY OF CLASSES	
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Chocolat"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Stepmom"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Thur 5/9	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "School Ties"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "The Man Who Wasn't There"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Fri 5/10	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "A Civil Action"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Pay it Foward"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Sat 5/11	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live with WSKB	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "A Civil Action"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Pay it Foward"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Sun 5/12	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "A Civil Action"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Pay it Foward"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Mon 5/13	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Erin Brockovich"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: "Serendipity"	Cable Channels 56 & 57
Tues 5/14		LAST DAY OF EXAMS All students living in the residence halls must be out of the building by 4 p.m. If they are waiting for a ride, they may wait in the Campus Center.	

Have a Great and Safe Summer!!

- The Campus Voice Staff

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New SGA President Rhiannon D'Angelo will focus on new image for student government

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